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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, March 20, 2026

Disclaimer: The purpose of this briefing is to provide a ***Regional*** weather threat assessment and is meant as a general overview. County/Parish decision makers should consult their local NWS forecast offices for the latest detailed, local weather information. To find your local NWS forecast office, go to www.weather.gov/srh.





Summary

- **Fire Weather:**

- **Elevated (level 1 of 3) over the ArkLaTex area today.**
- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) over the NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX on Saturday.**
- **Elevated to critical (levels 1-2 of 3) threat from NM, OK, NW-SW TX on Sunday.**
- **Monitoring for fire weather in TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX late next week.**

- **Severe Storms:**

- **Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) in NE AR on Sunday.**

- **River Flooding:**

- **Minor river flooding on Angelina is expected to continue through Saturday in E TX.**





FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Next 7 days

| | Friday, Mar 20 | Saturday, Mar 21 | Sunday, Mar 22 | Monday, Mar 23 | Tuesday, Mar 24 | Wednesday, Mar 25 | Thursday, Mar 26 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Severe Storms | | | NEAR | | | | |
| Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding | | | | | | | |
| Winter Weather | | | | | | | |
| Fire Weather | ArkLaTex | NM, OK/TX Panhandles, W OK, W TX | NM, OK, NW-SW TX | | | | TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX |
| River Flooding | ETX | ETX | | | | | |

**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

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| Risk Levels | Little to None | Minor | Moderate | Major | Extreme |
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Current Radar/Hazards



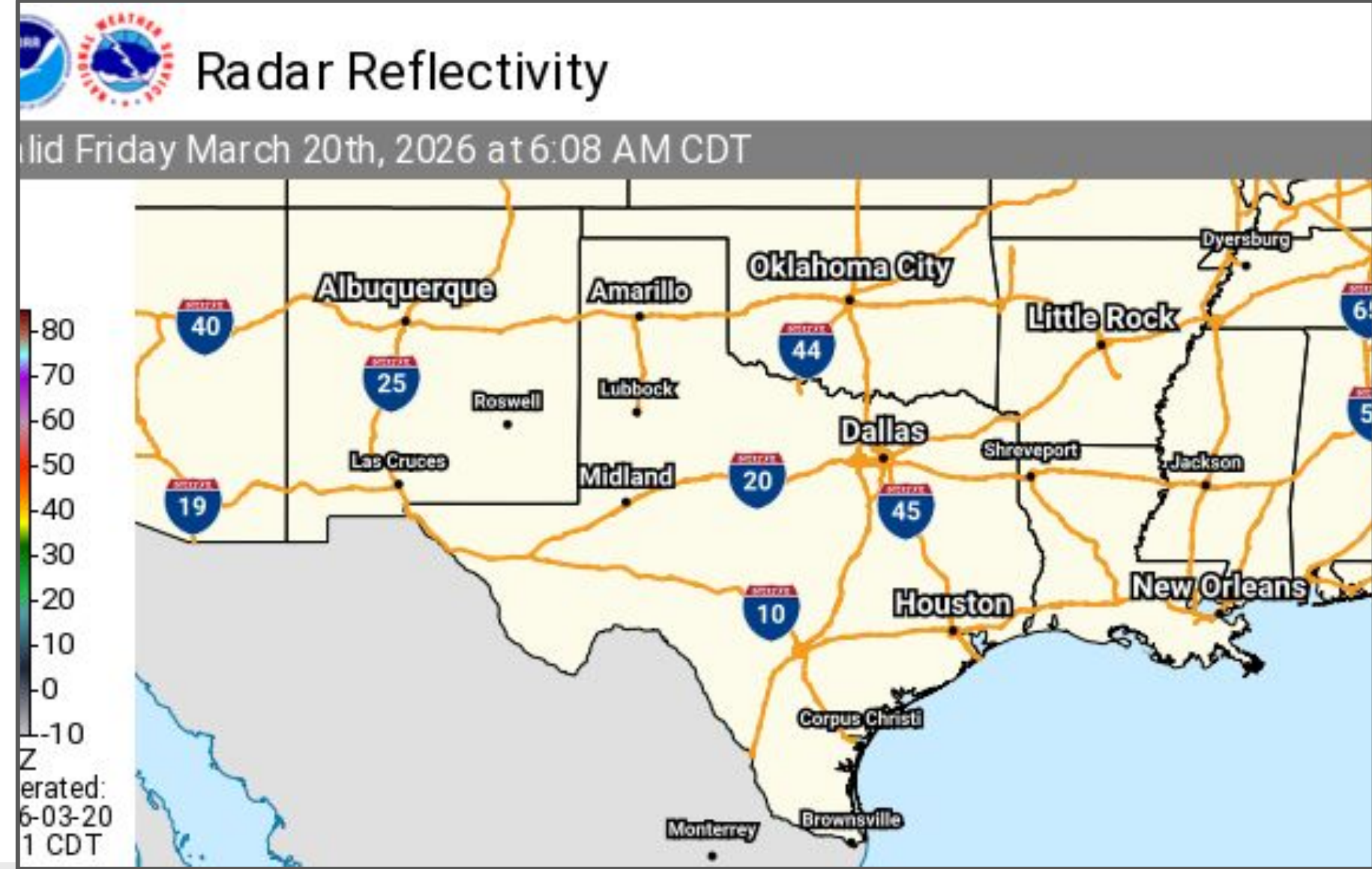
Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

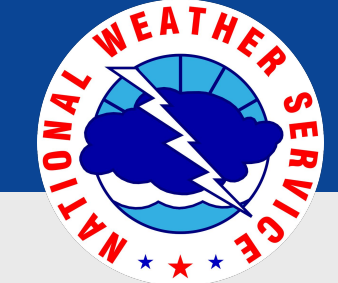
- Flood Warning Pop: 482
- Extreme Heat Warning Pop: 5,999,529
- Red Flag Warning Pop: 63,831
- Dense Fog Advisory Pop: 1,619,191
- Fire Weather Watch Pop: 1,709,802



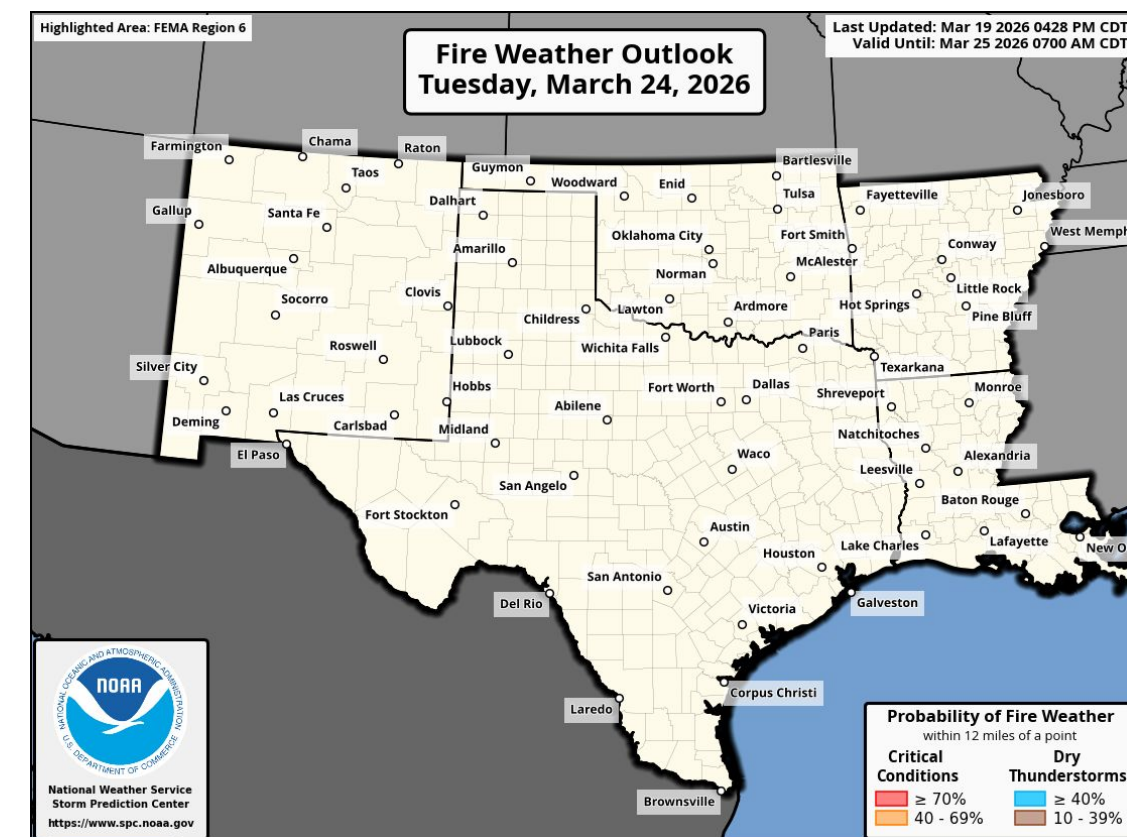
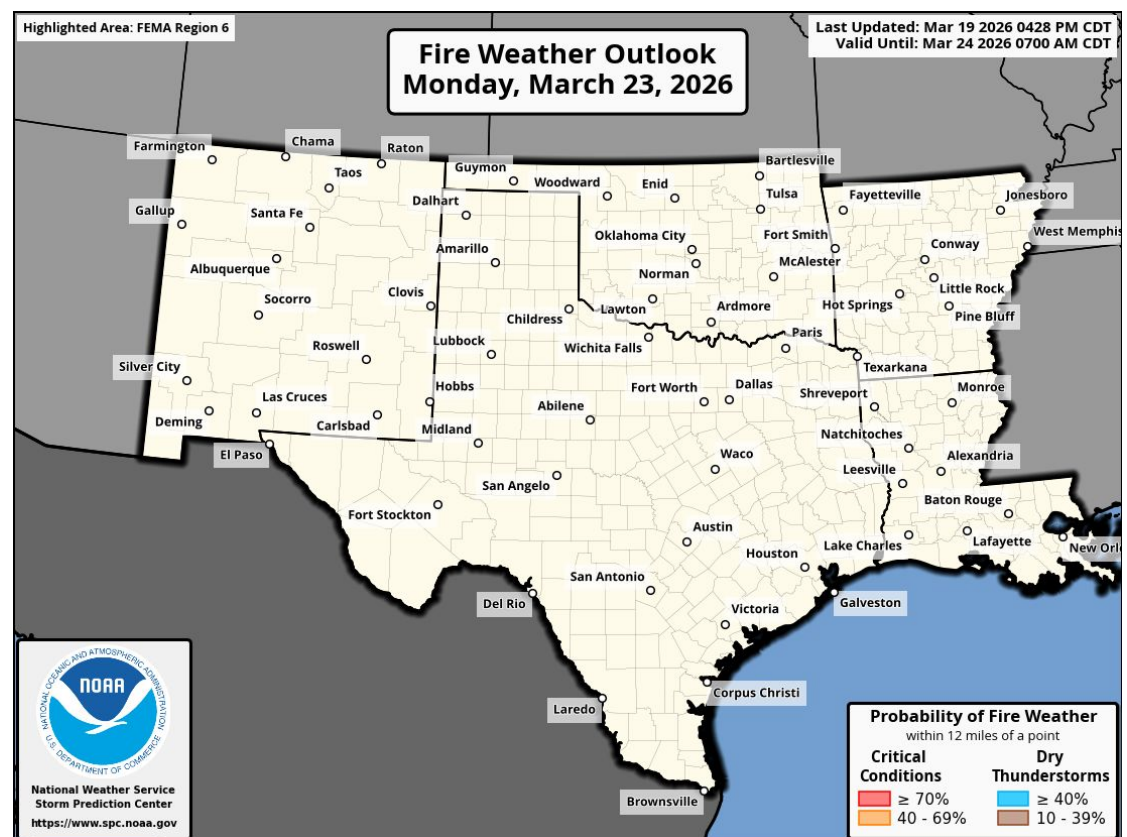
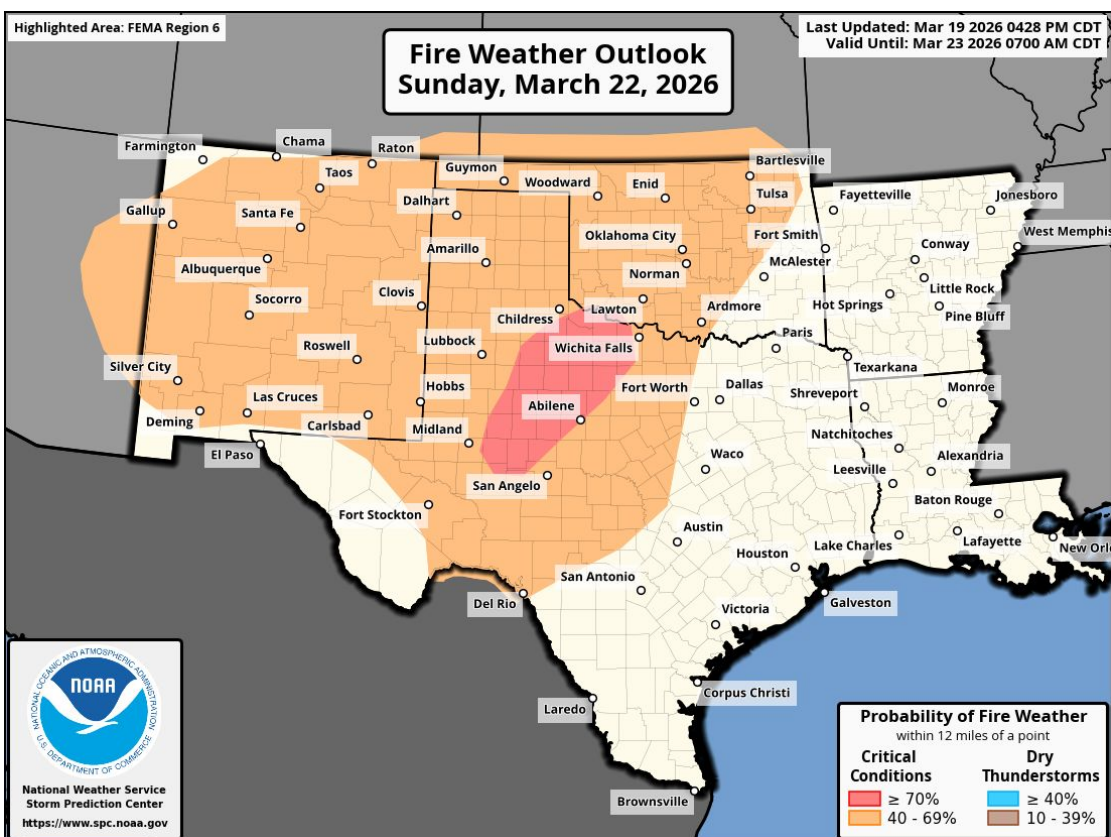
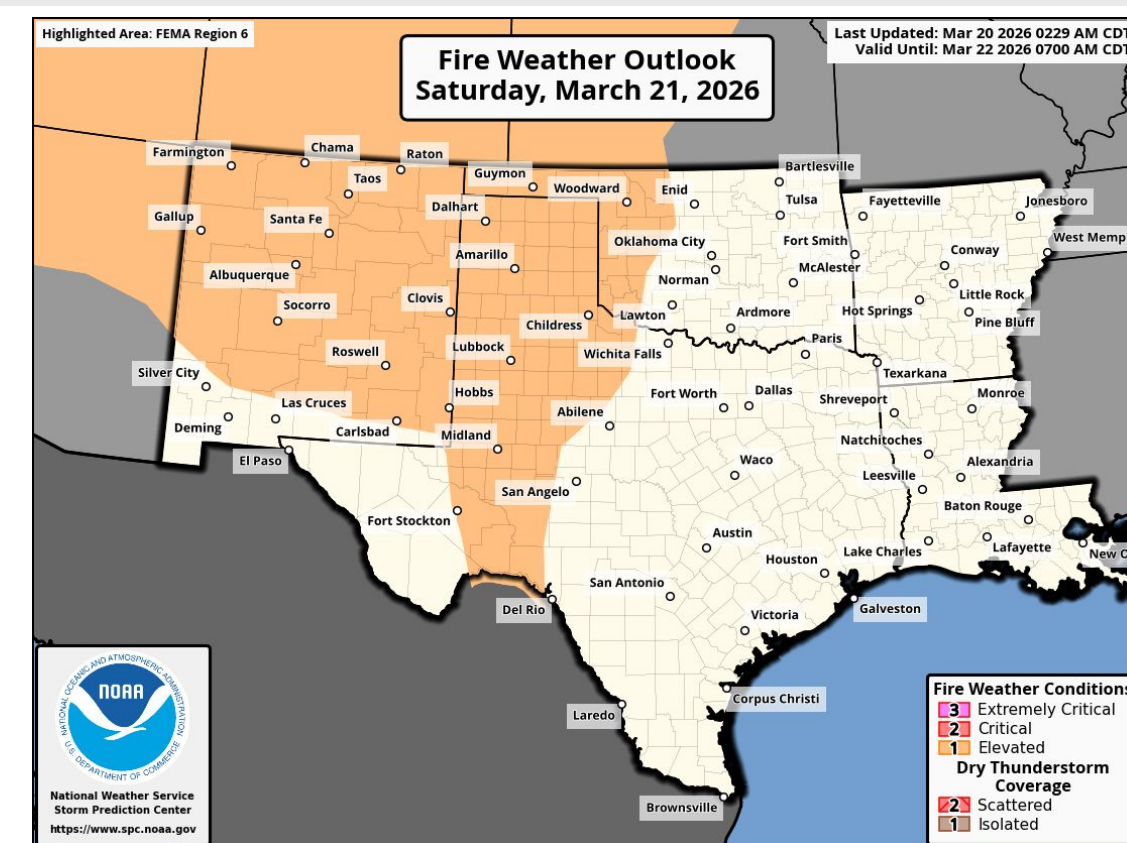
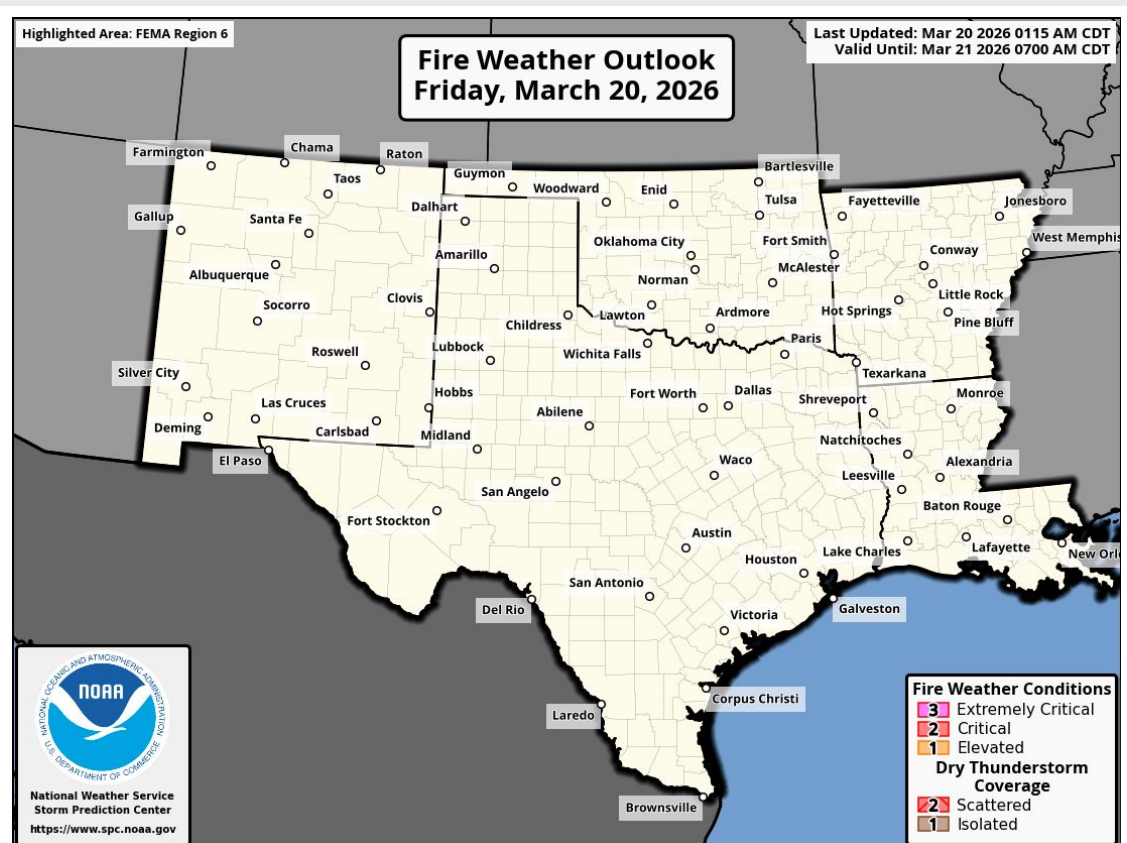
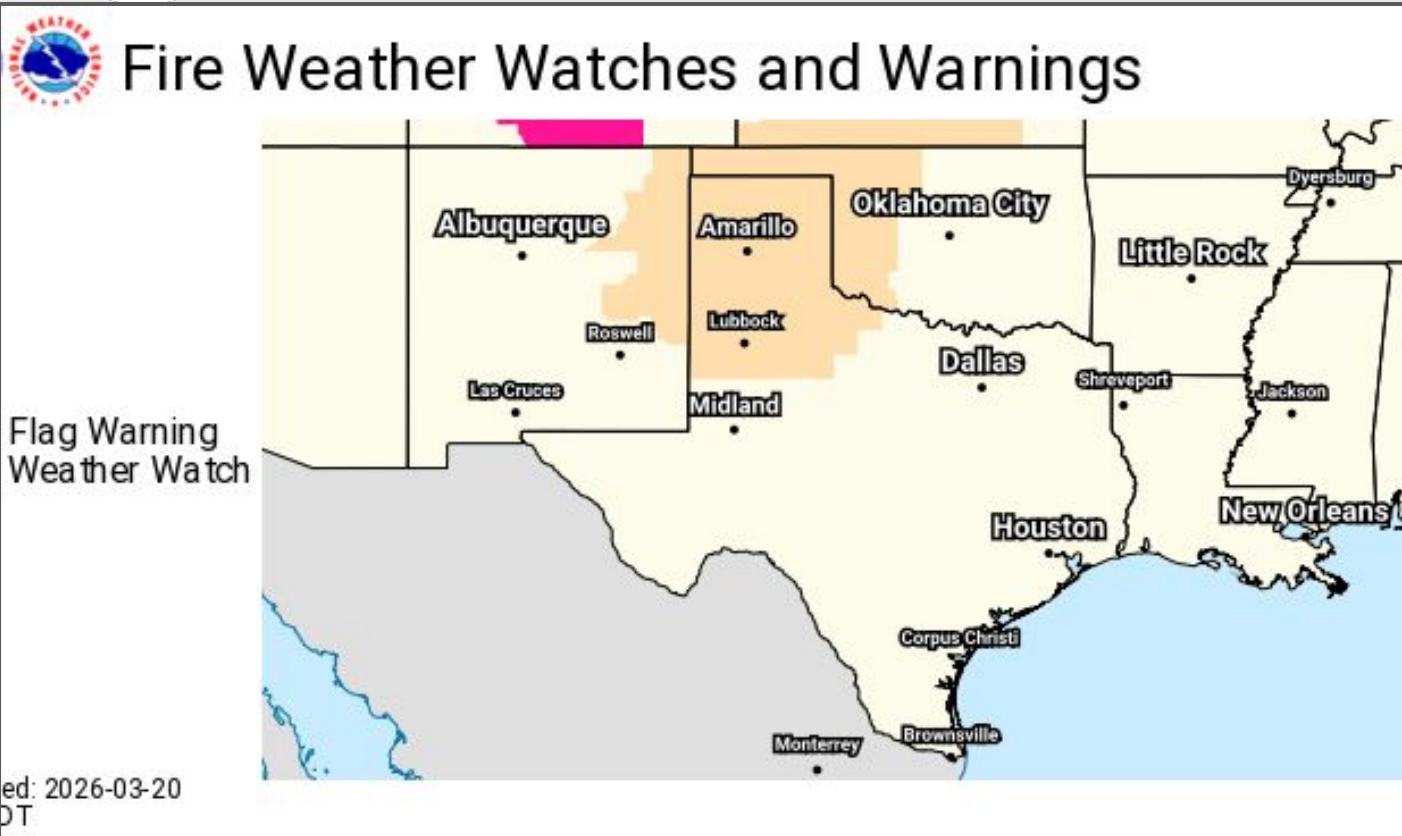
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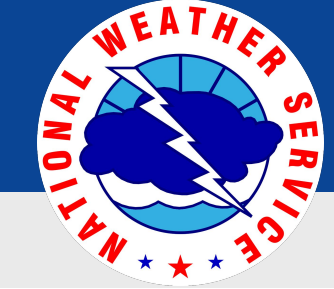
Fire Weather Watches in E NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK for Saturday and Sunday.





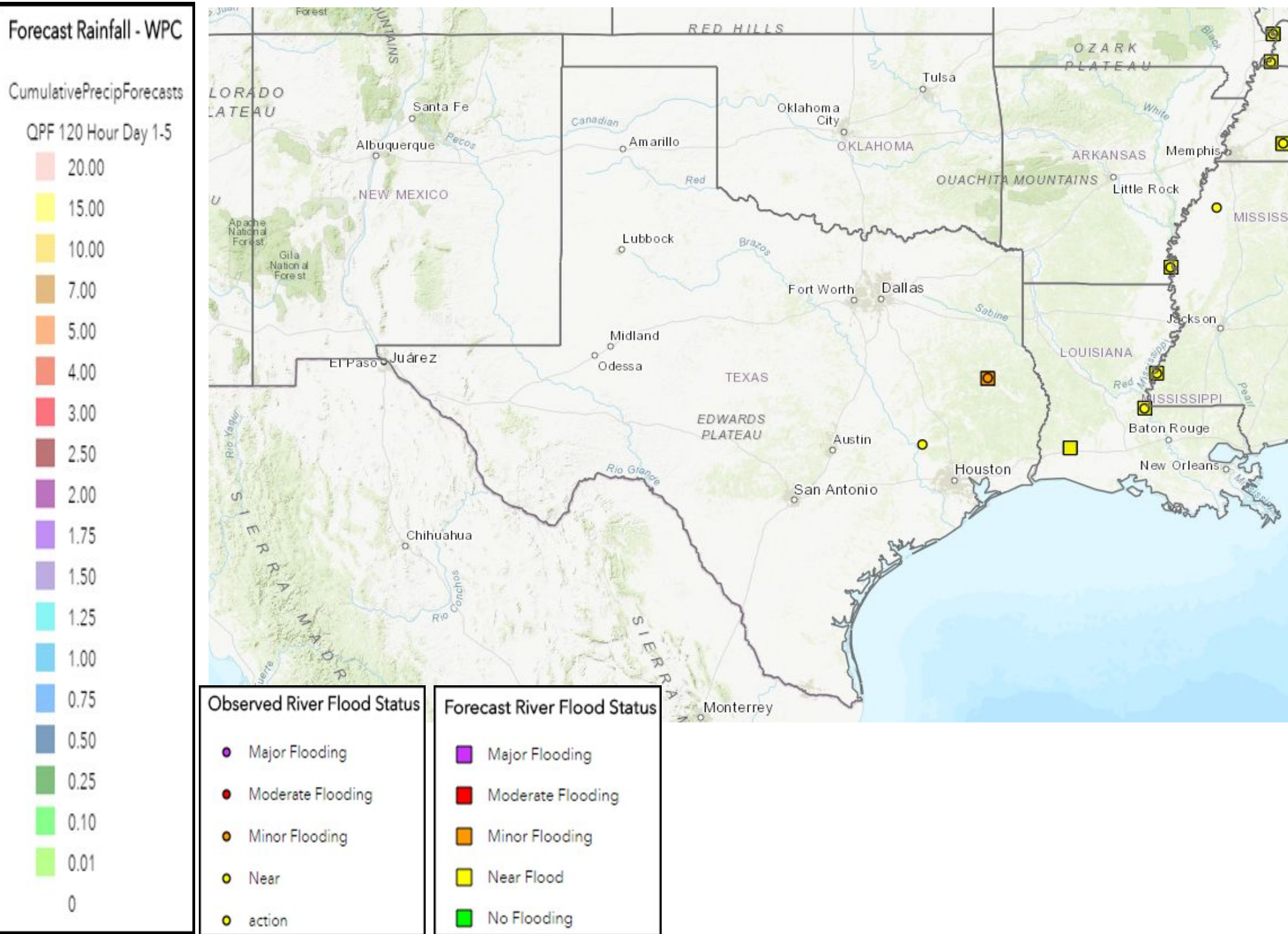
Fire Weather Outlooks





5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



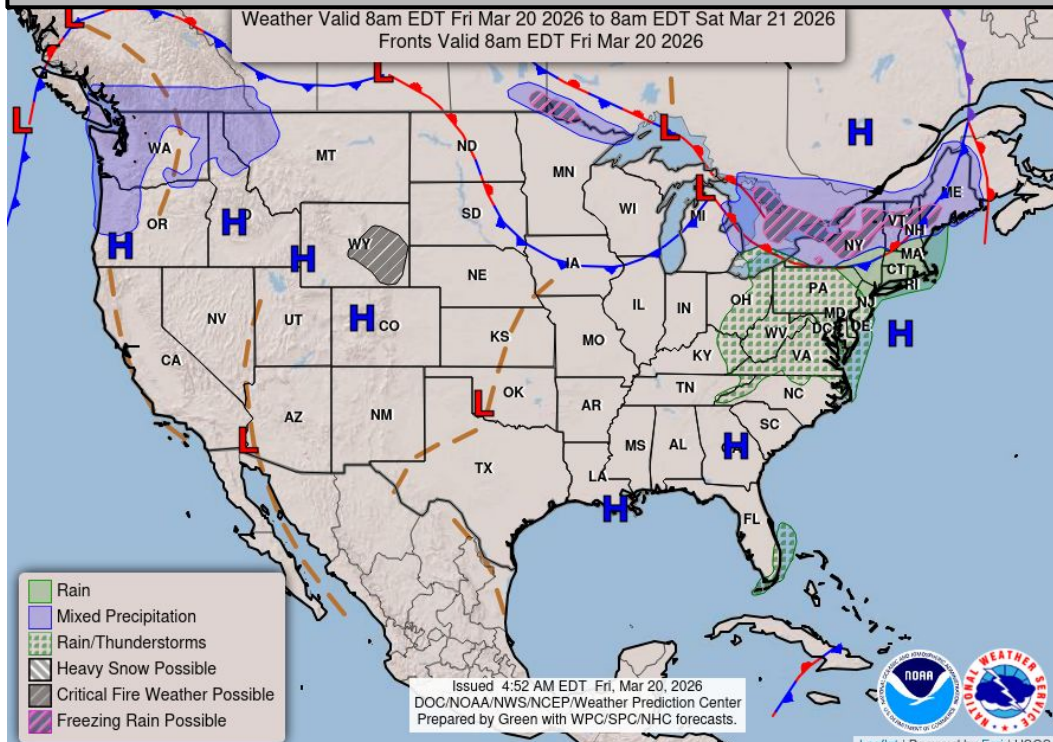
Minor river flooding over Angelina in E TX is expected to continue through Saturday. Minor flooding of gravel parking lot and gravel road.

Note: Numerical levels (e.g. level 1 of 4) will not be assigned to riverine flooding due to the varying levels of impacts across flood categories.

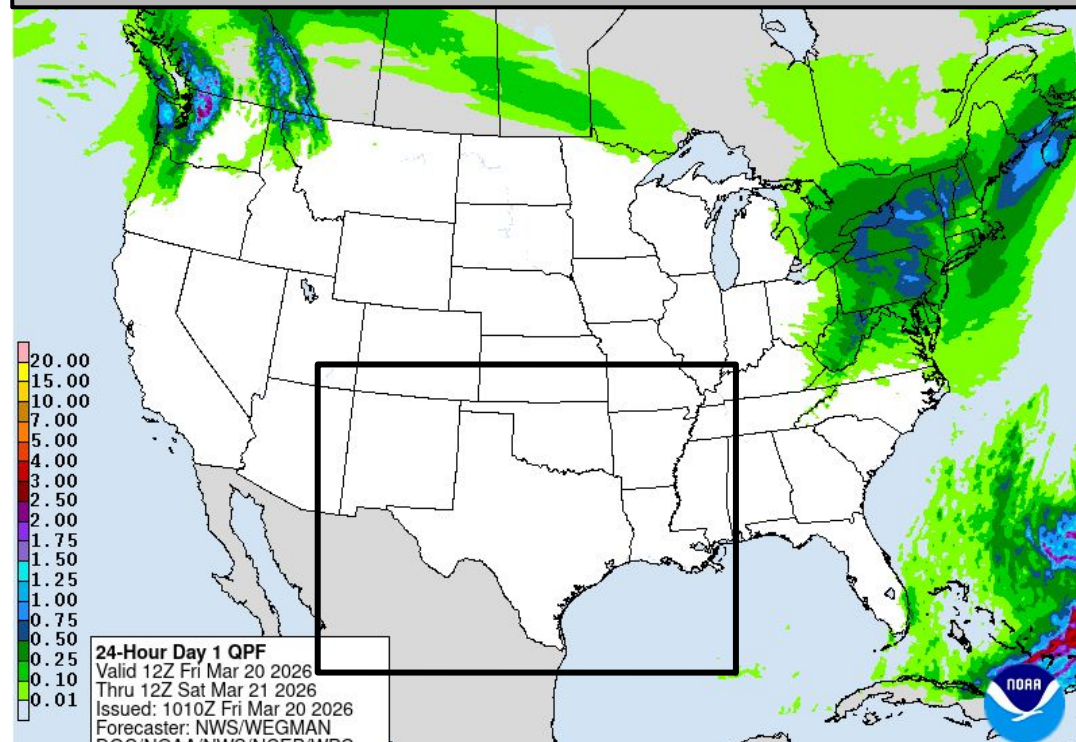


Today's Weather

Forecast Chart

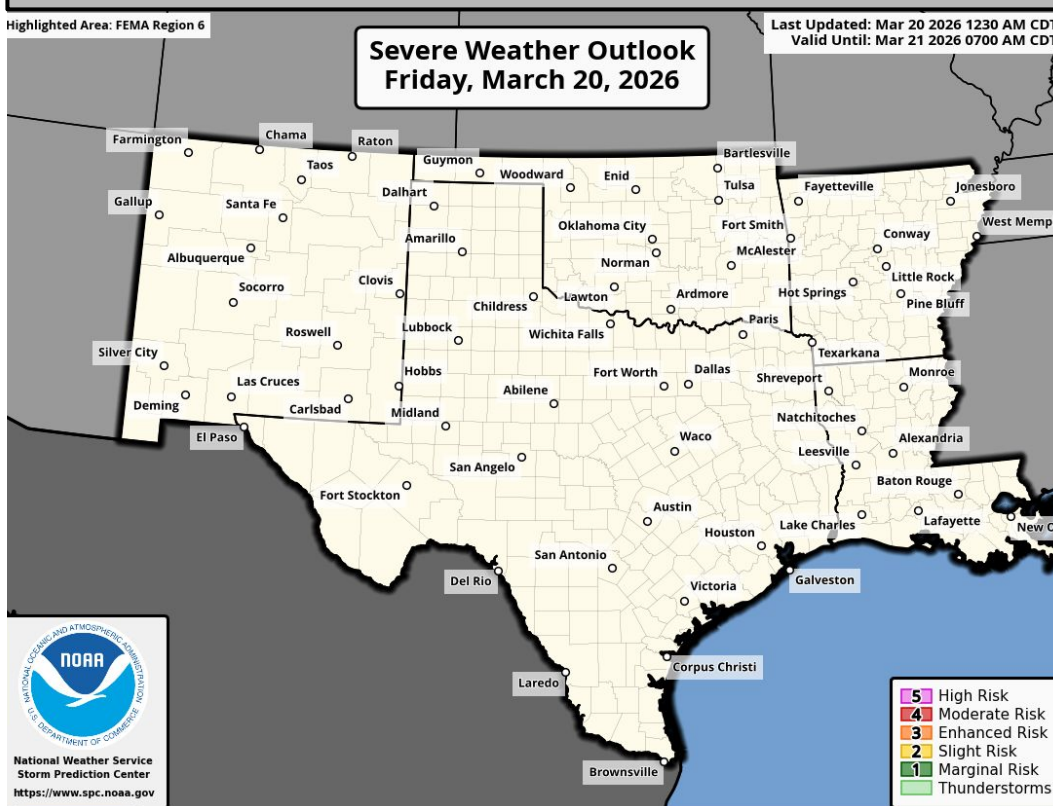


Forecast Rainfall

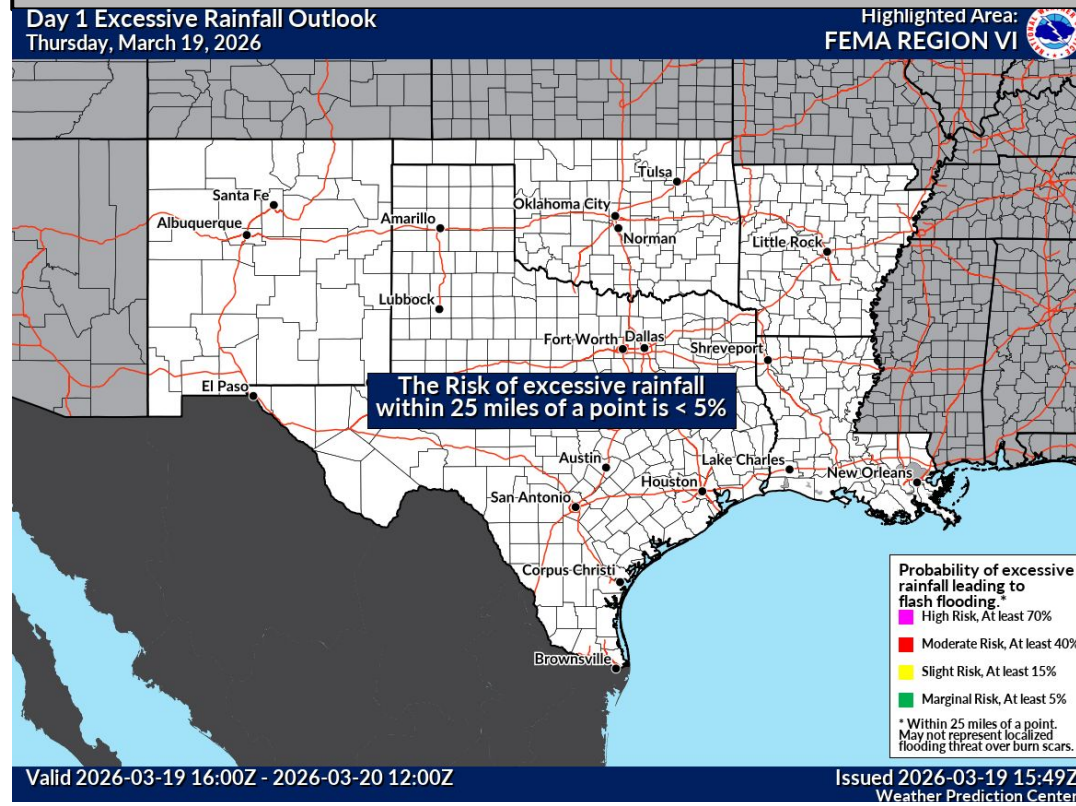


Elevated (level 1 of 3) fire weather concerns in the ArkLaTex area.

Severe Weather Outlook

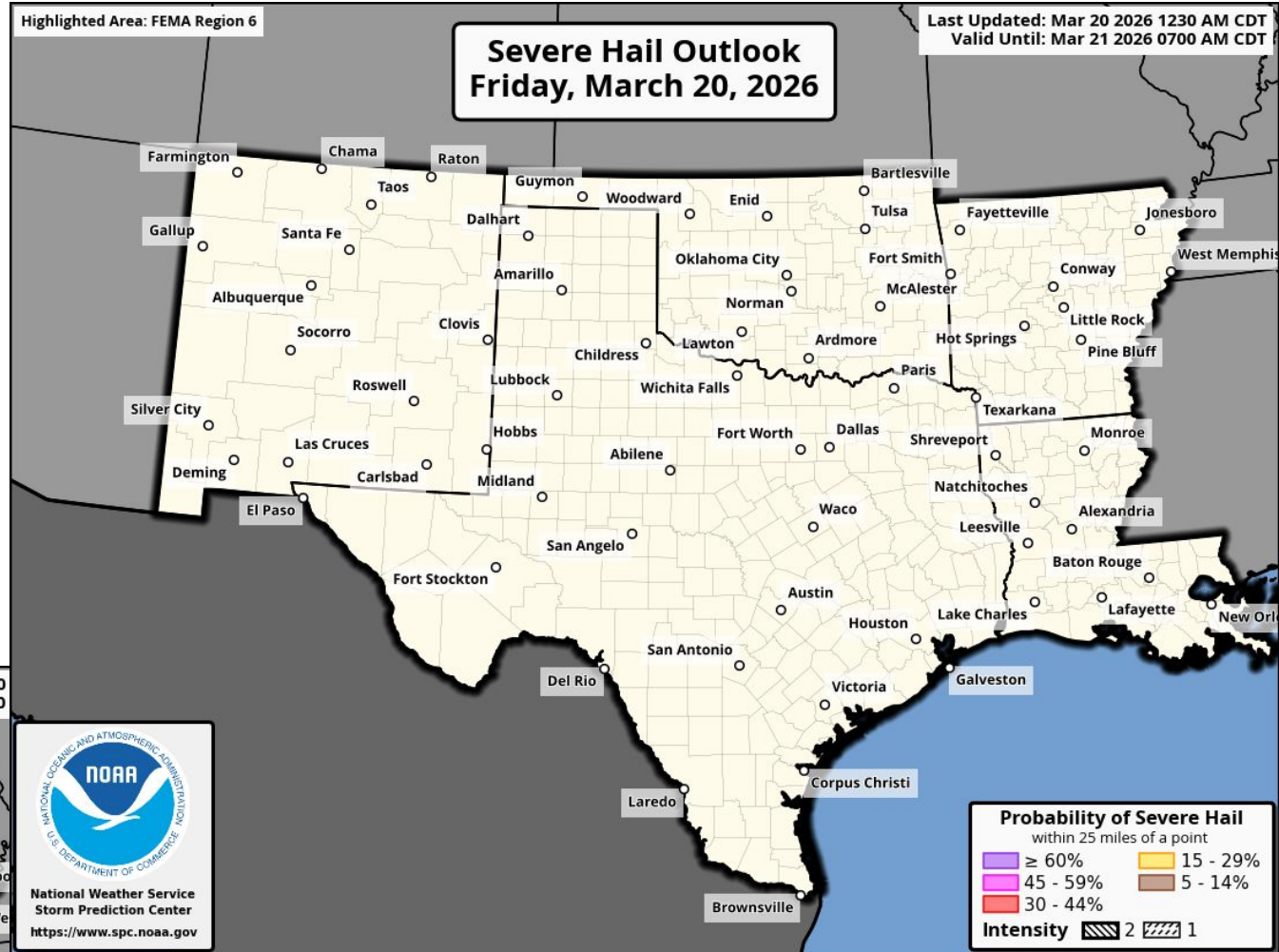
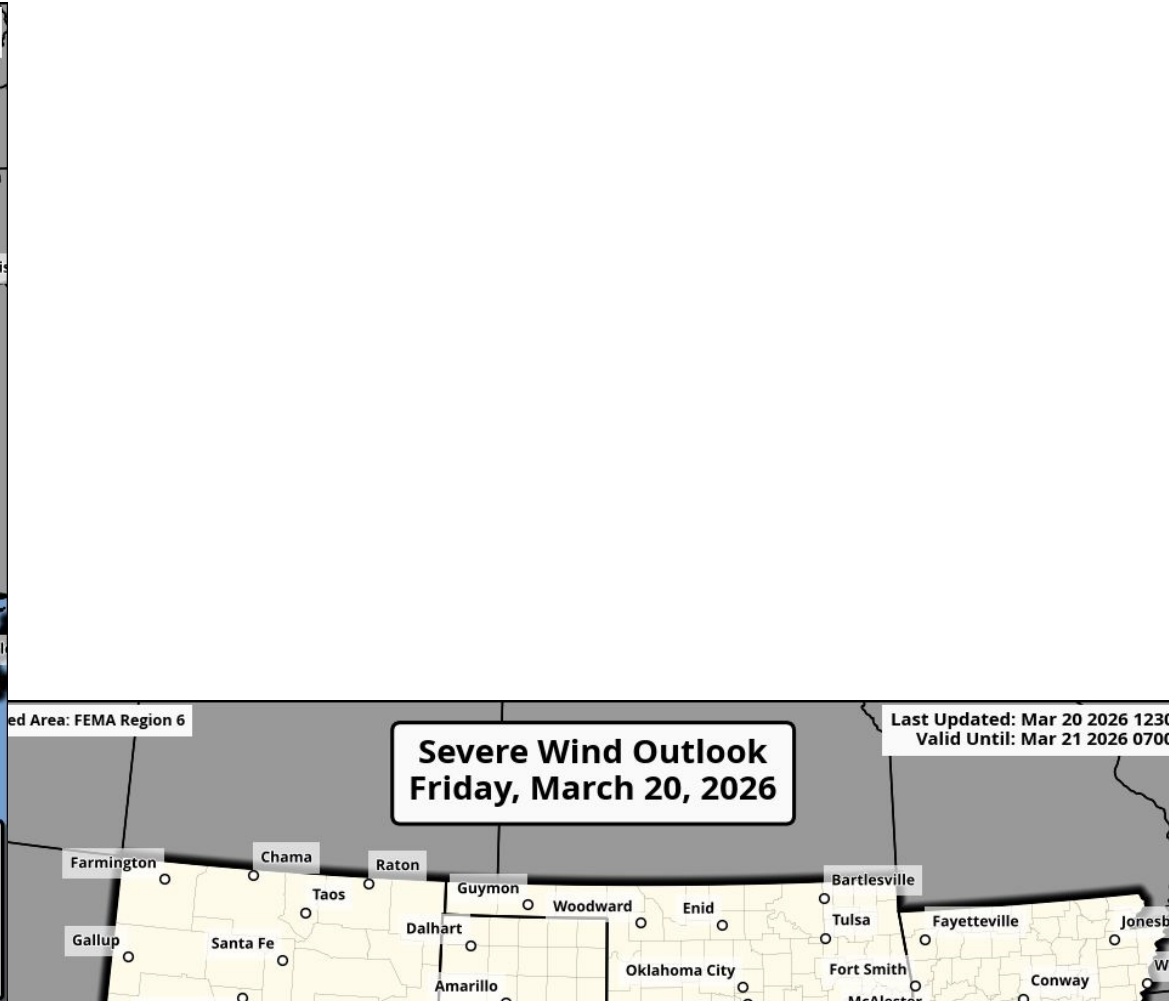
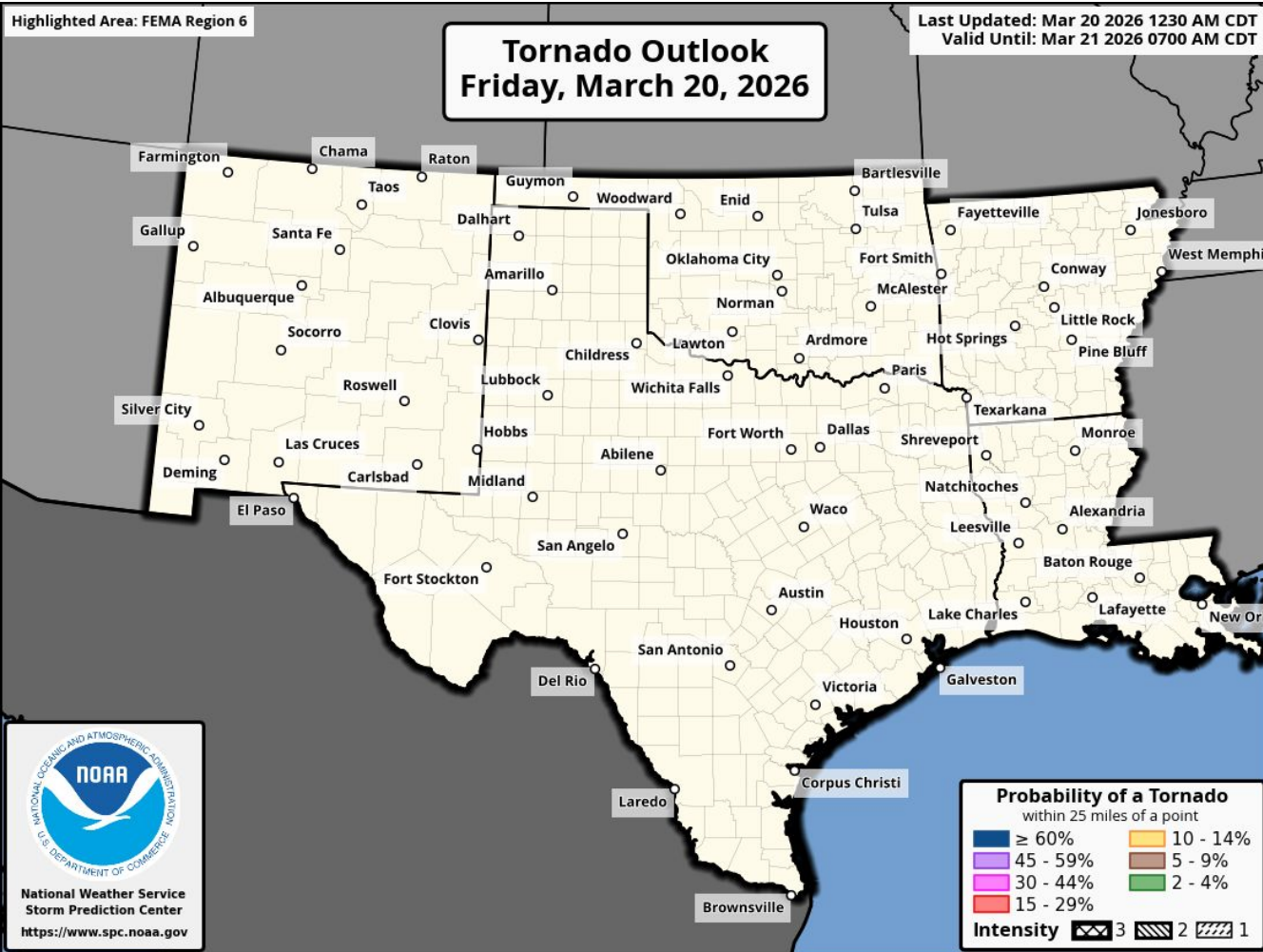


Excessive Rainfall Outlook





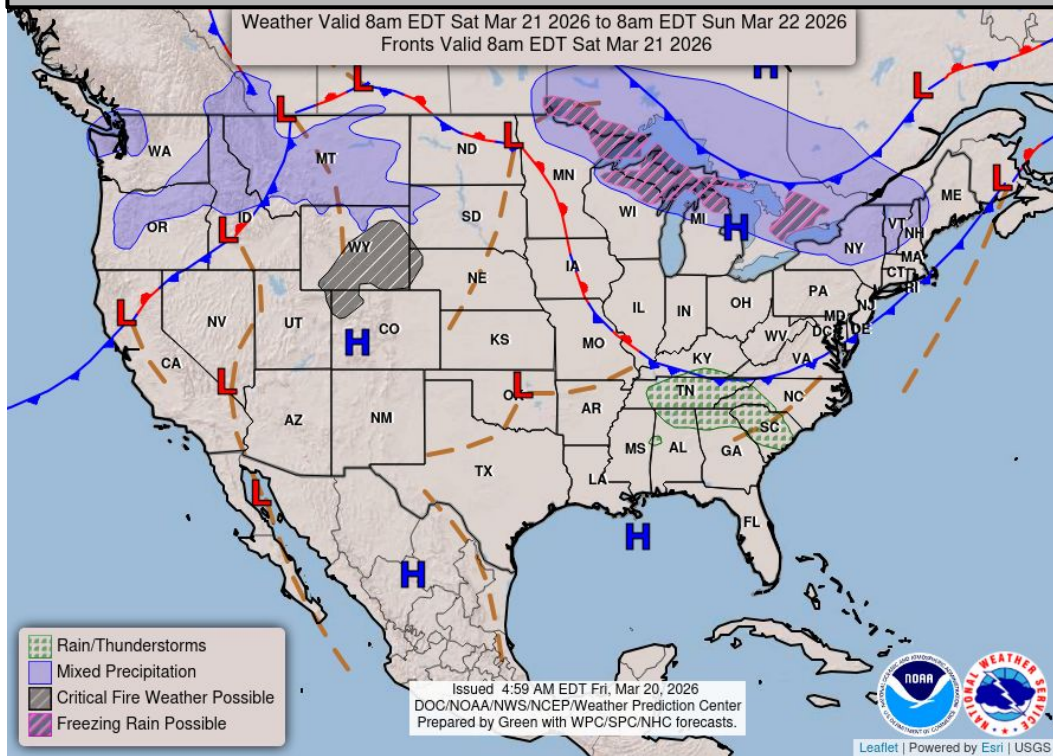
Today's Tornado & Severe Wind / Hail Probabilities



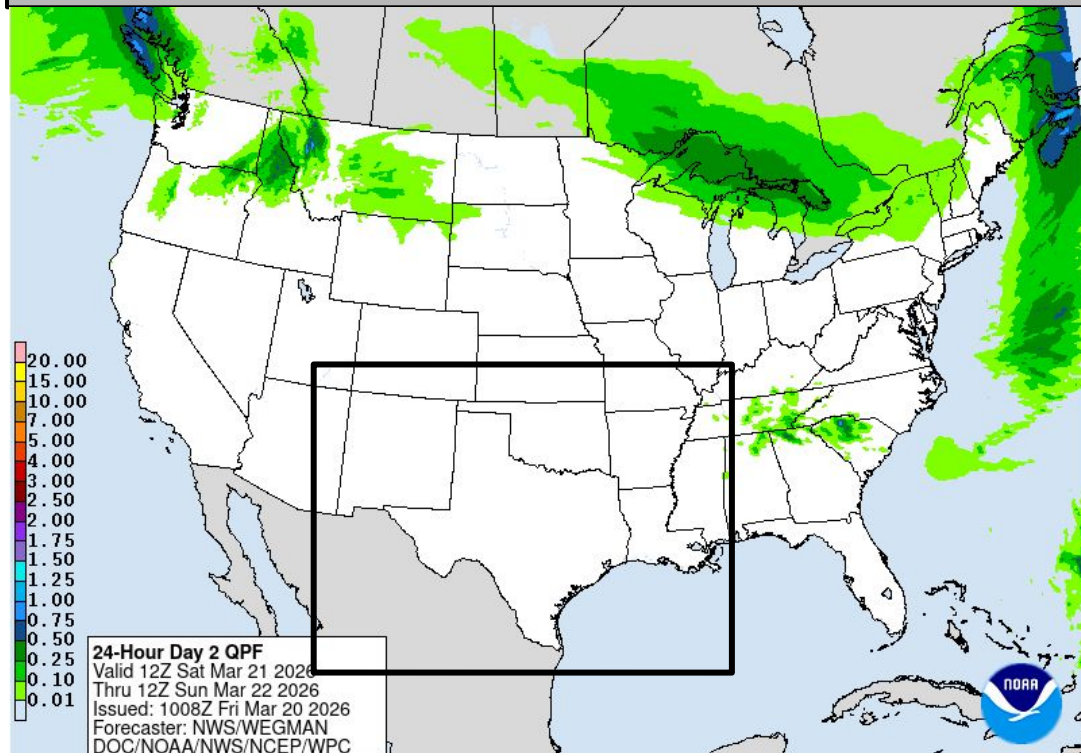


Tomorrow's Weather

Forecast Chart

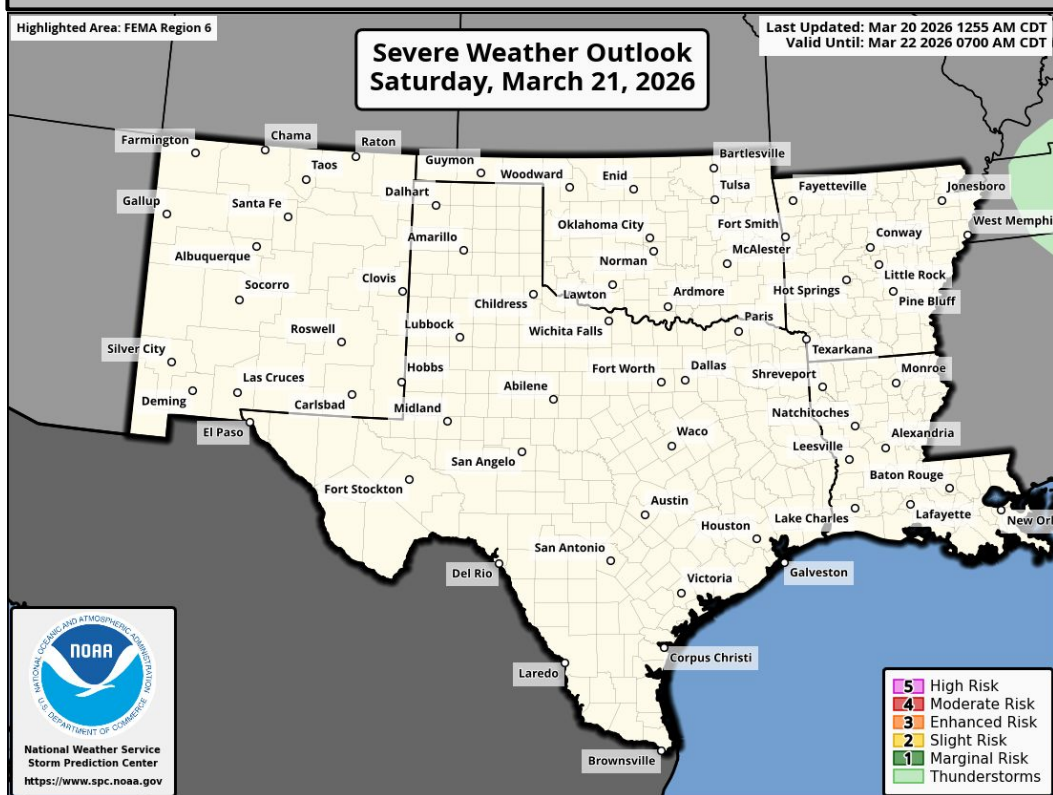


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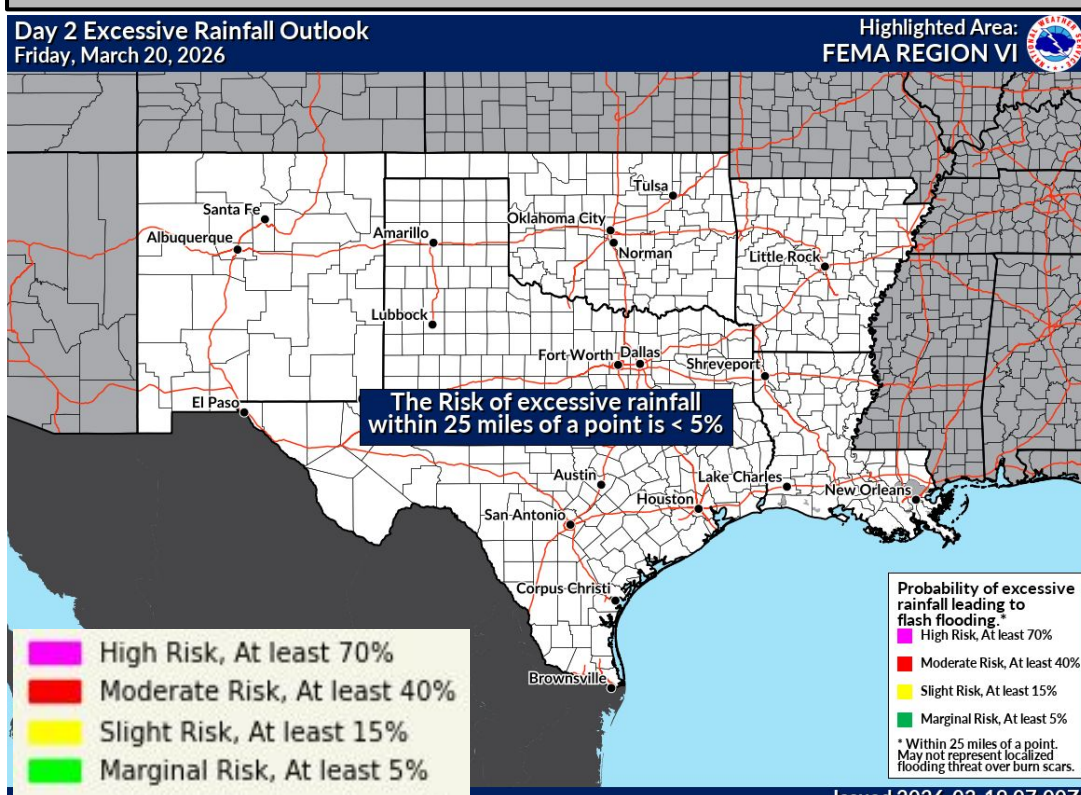


Elevated to critical fire weather (level 1 of 3) threat over NM, TX/OK Panhandles, W OK, W TX.

Severe Weather Outlook

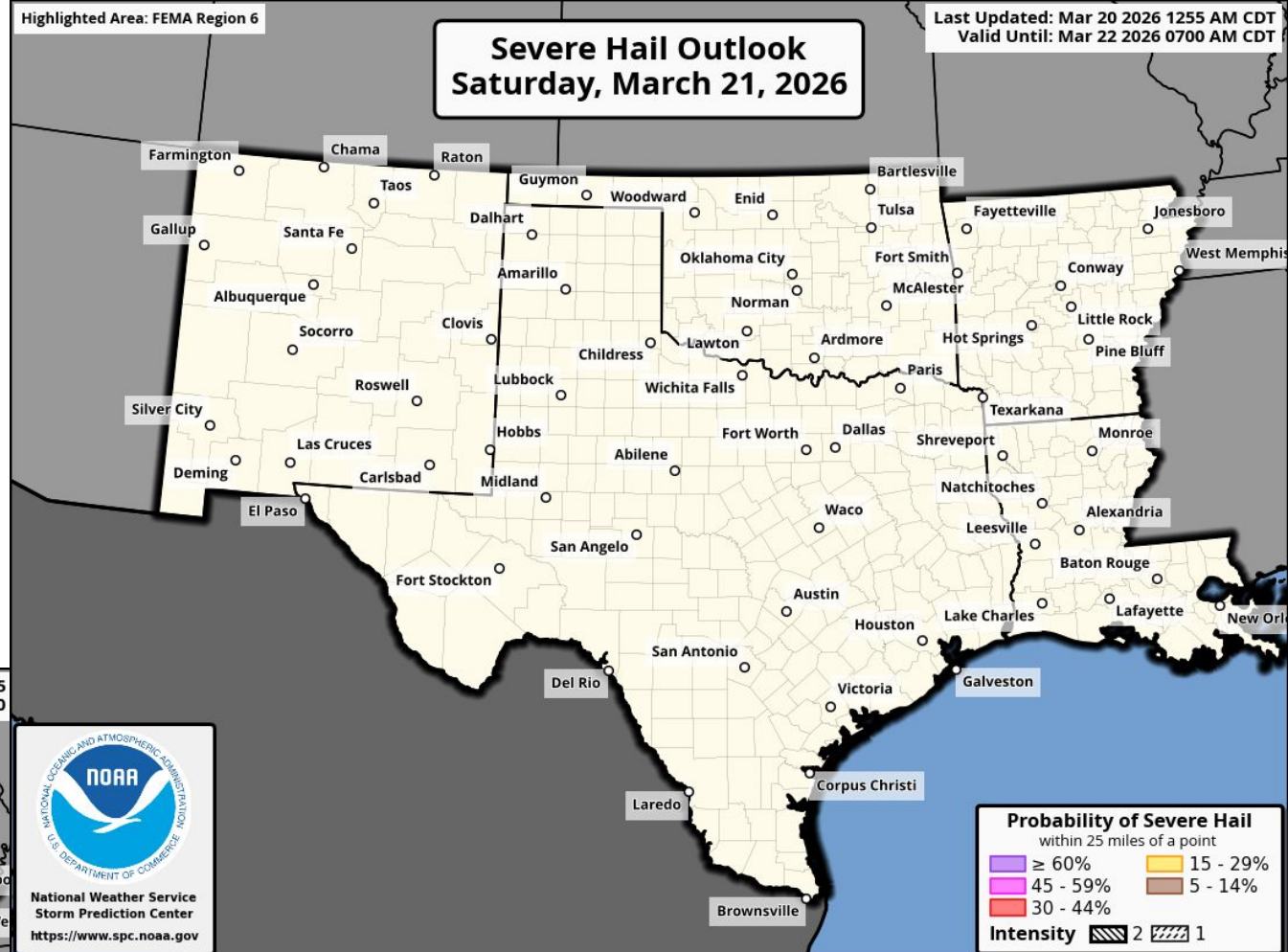
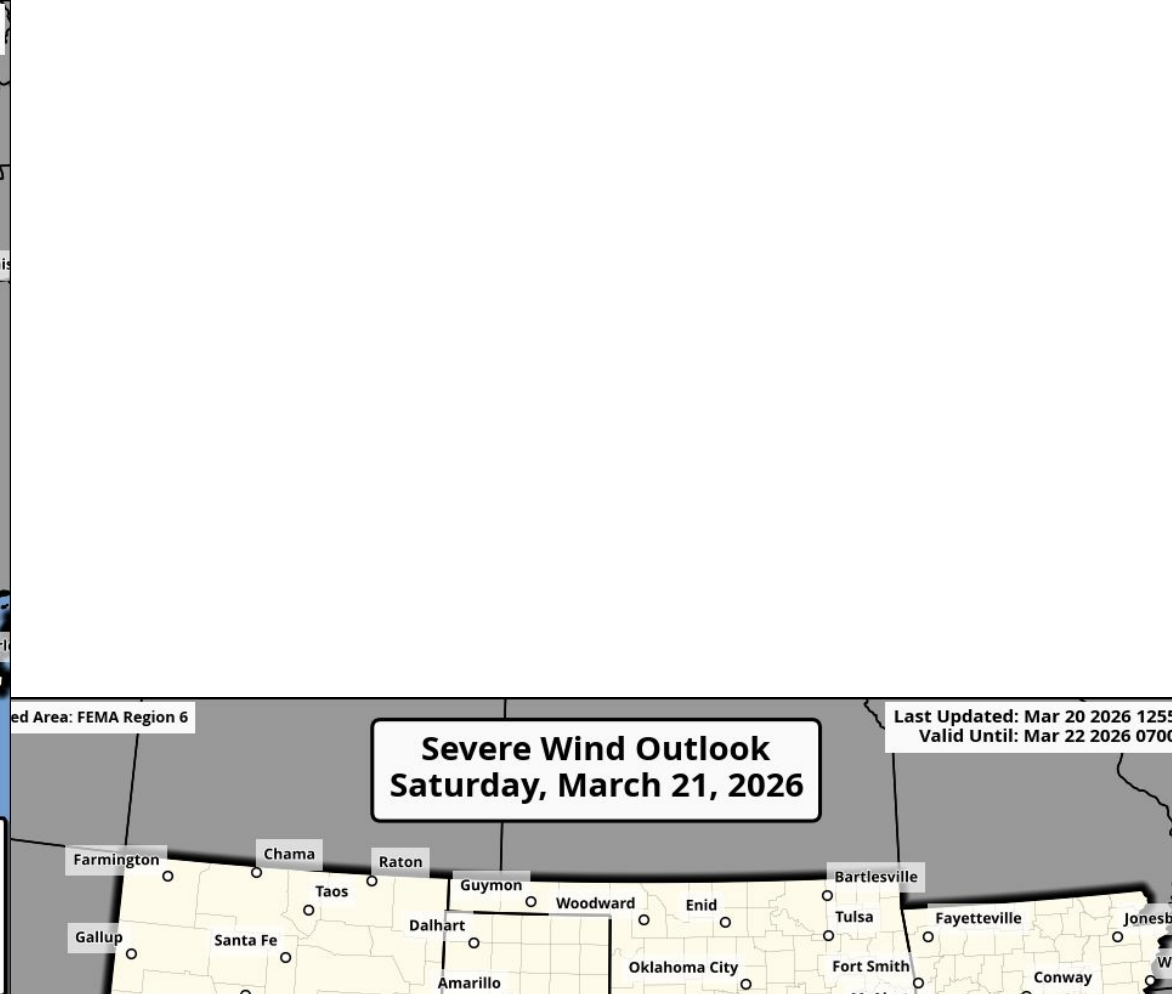
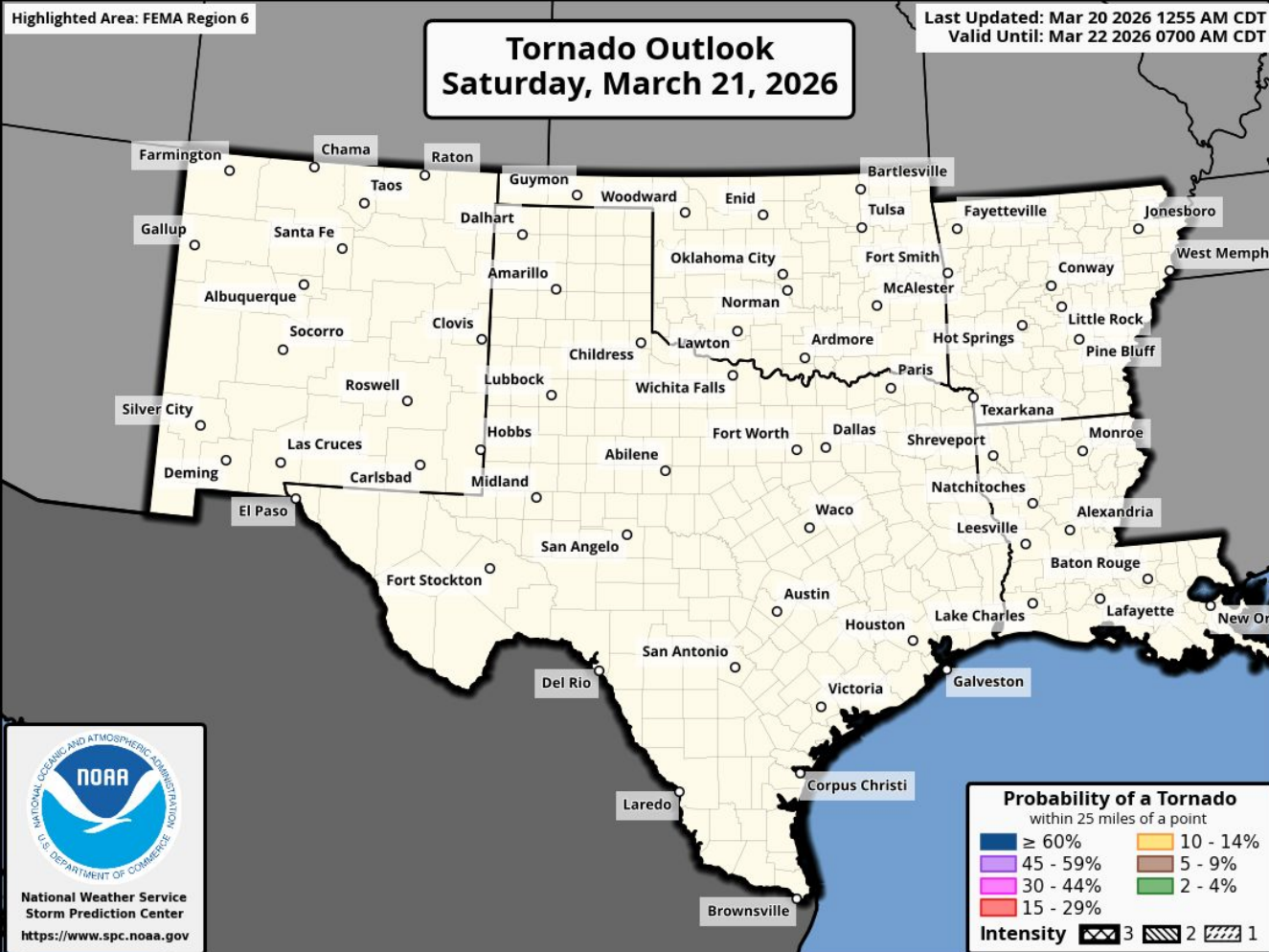


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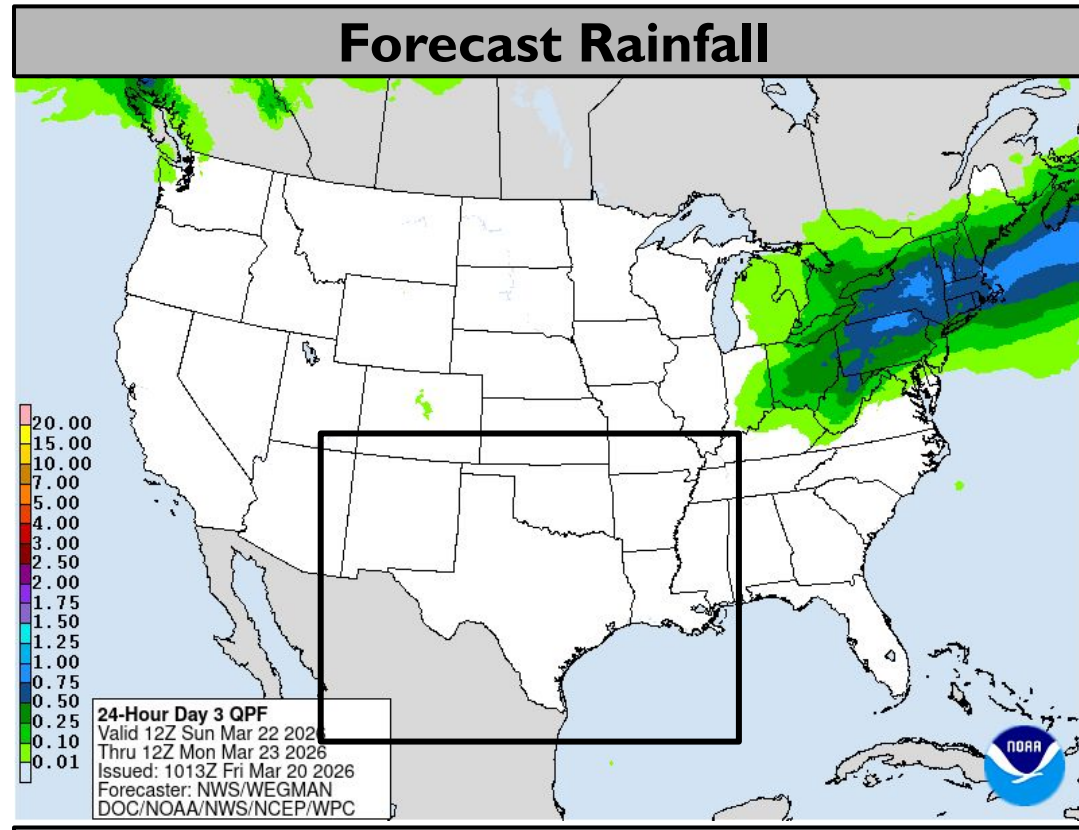
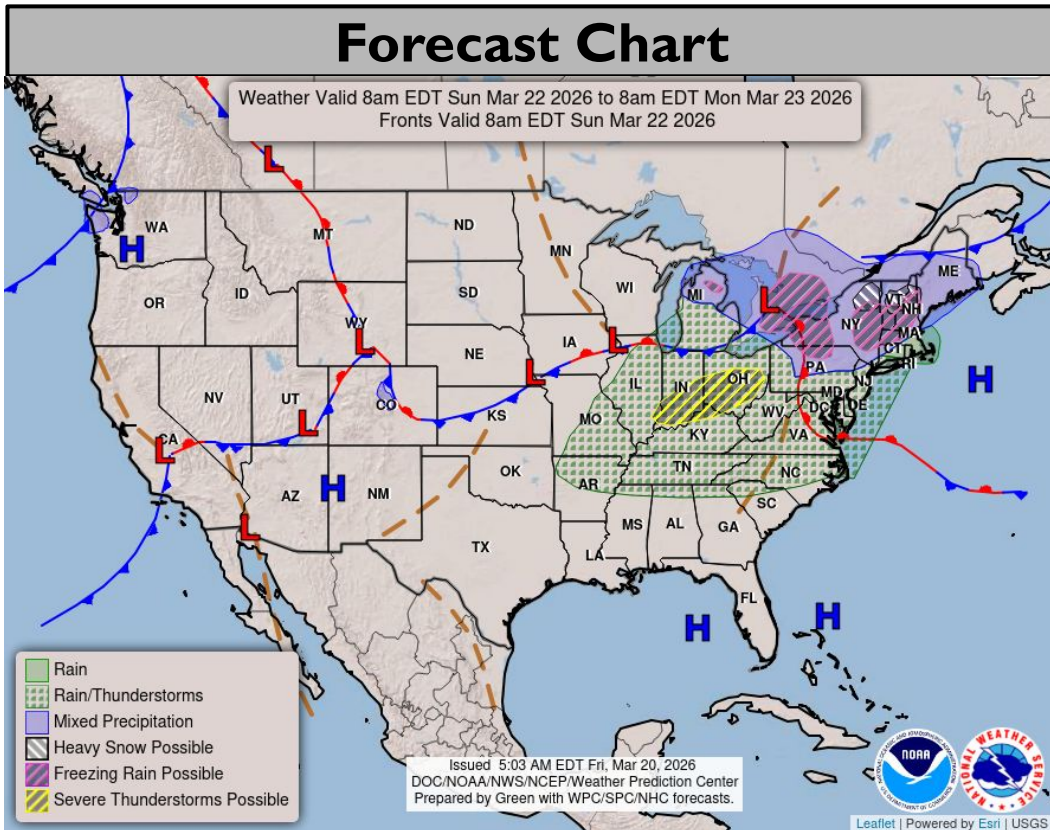


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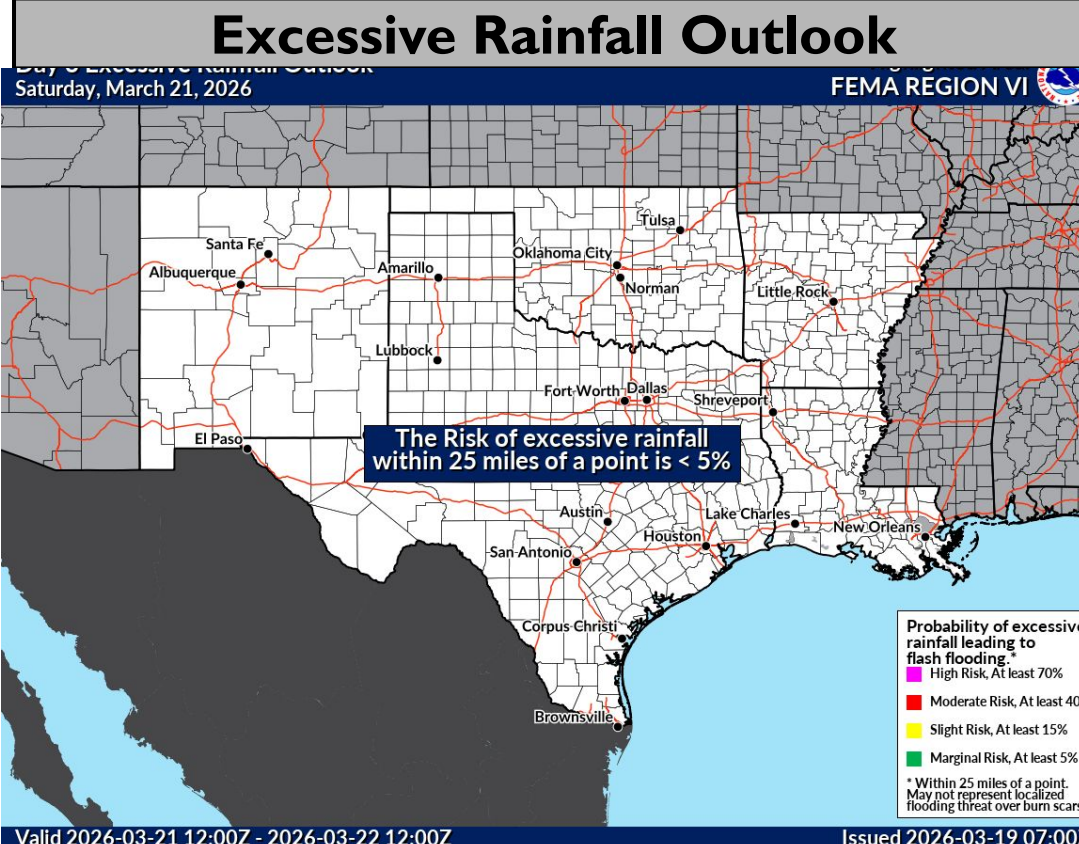
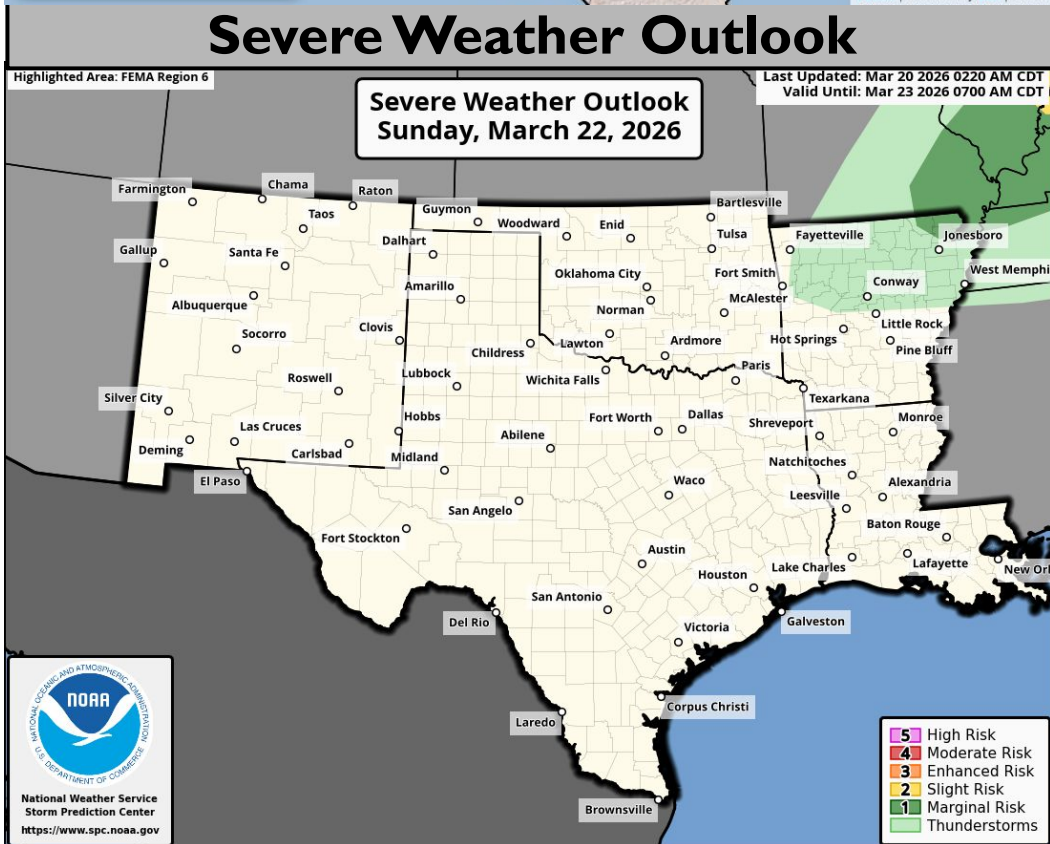


Sunday's Weather



Elevated to critical fire weather (levels 1-2 of 3) threat from NM, OK, NW-SW TX.

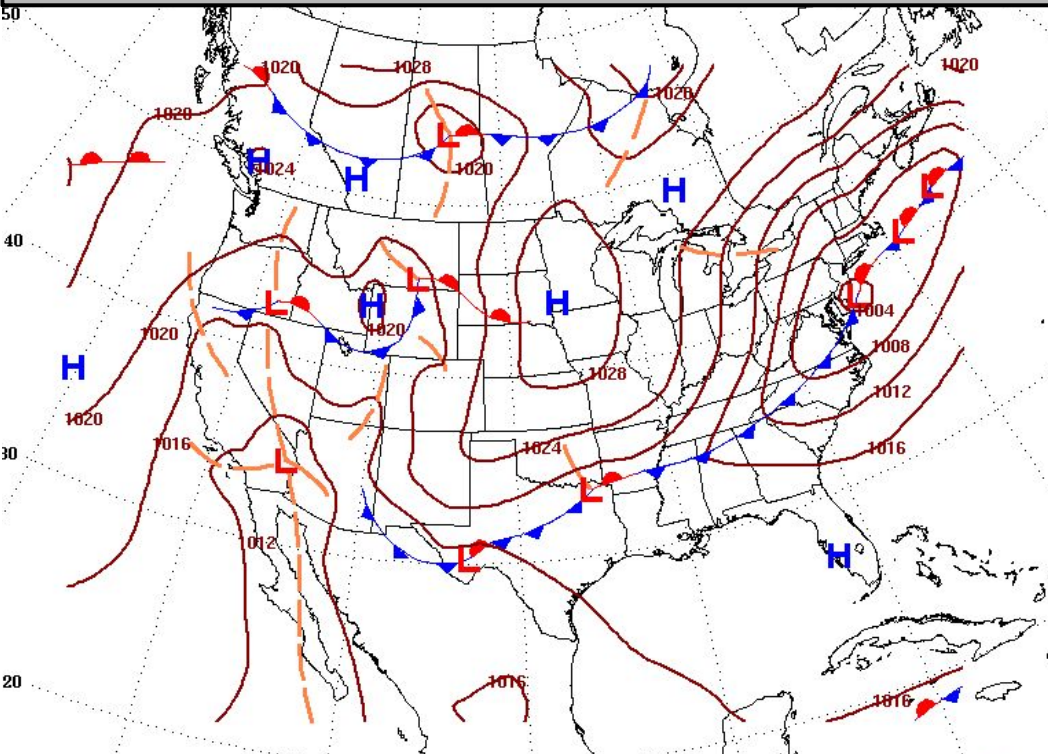
Marginal risk (level 1 of 5) for severe storms in NE AR.



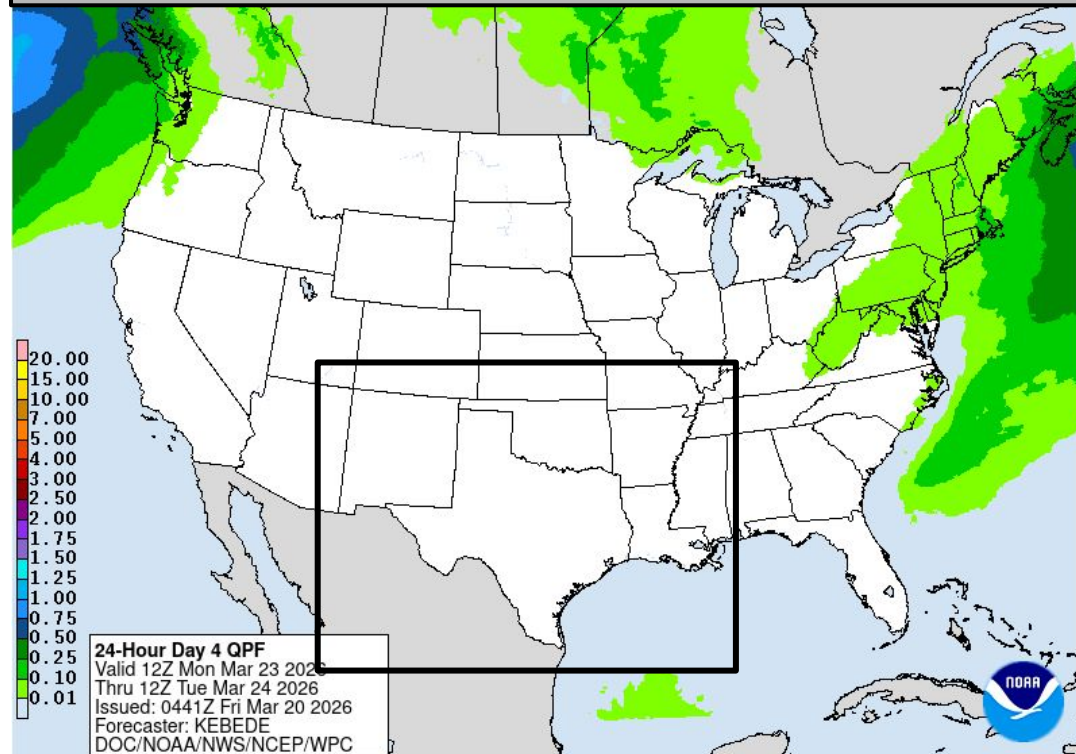


Monday's Weather

Forecast Chart

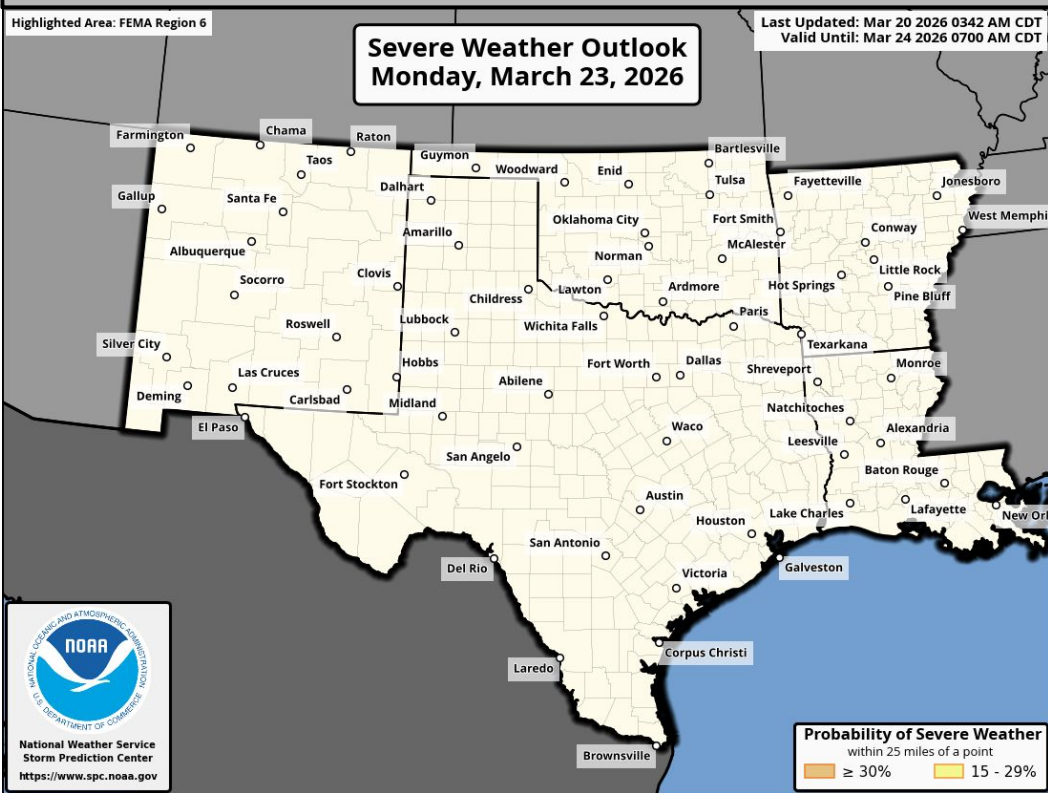


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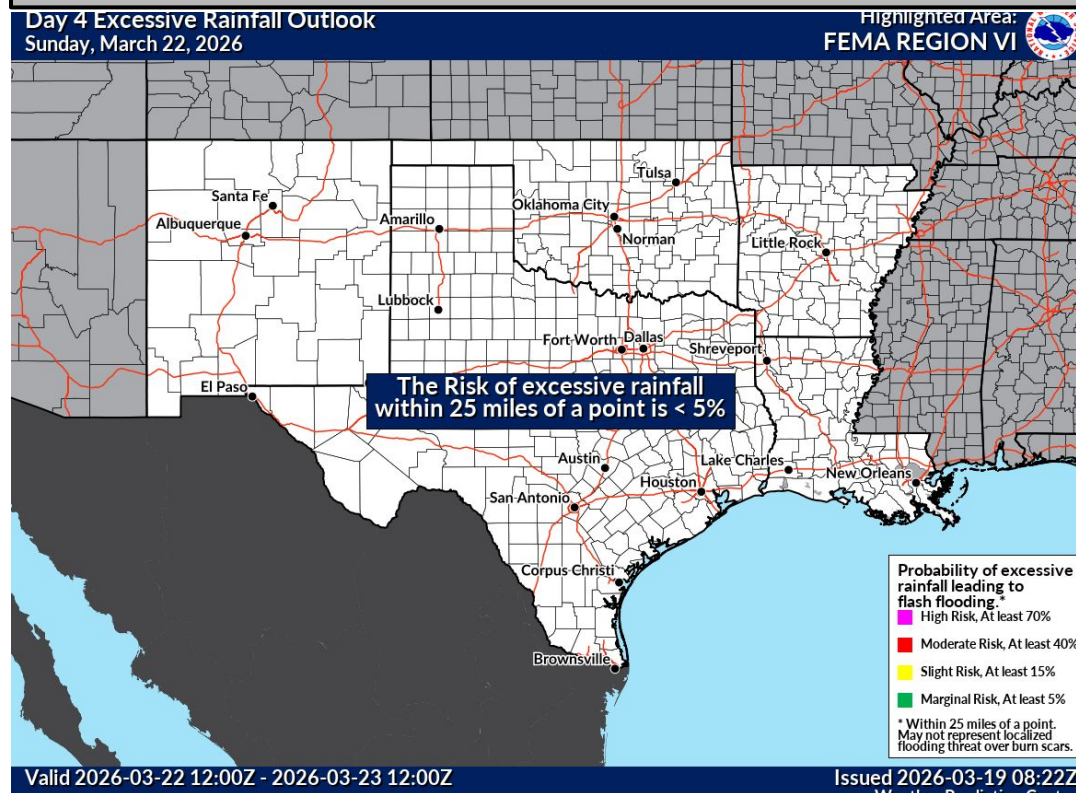


No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



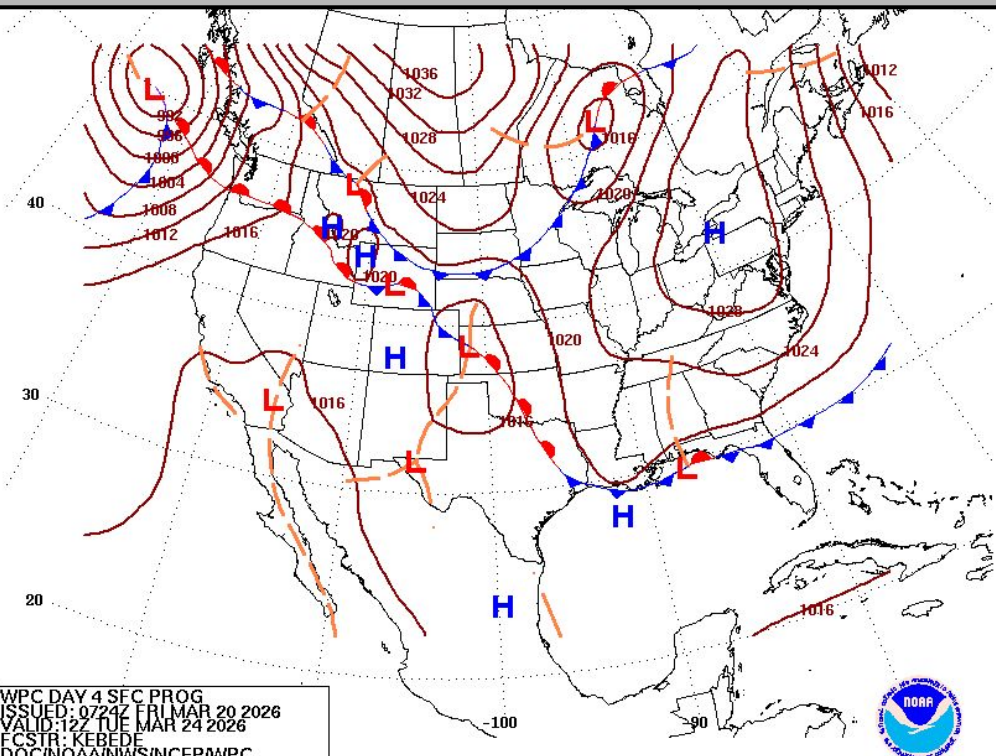
Excessive Rainfall Outlook





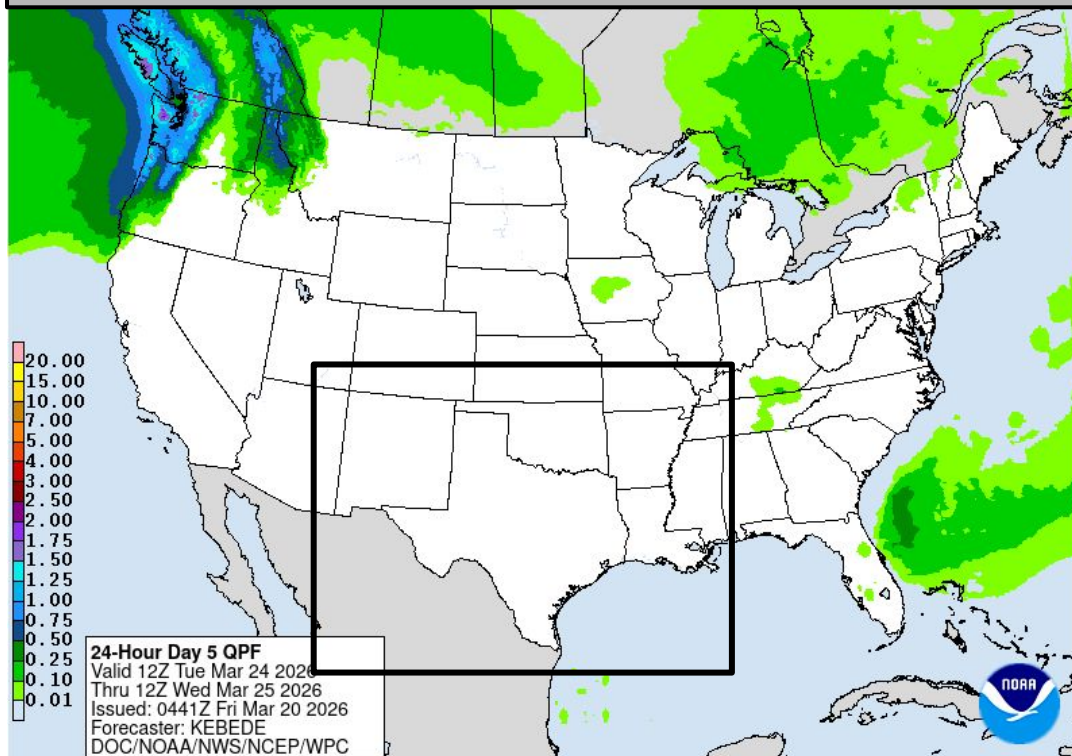
Tuesday's Weather

Forecast Chart



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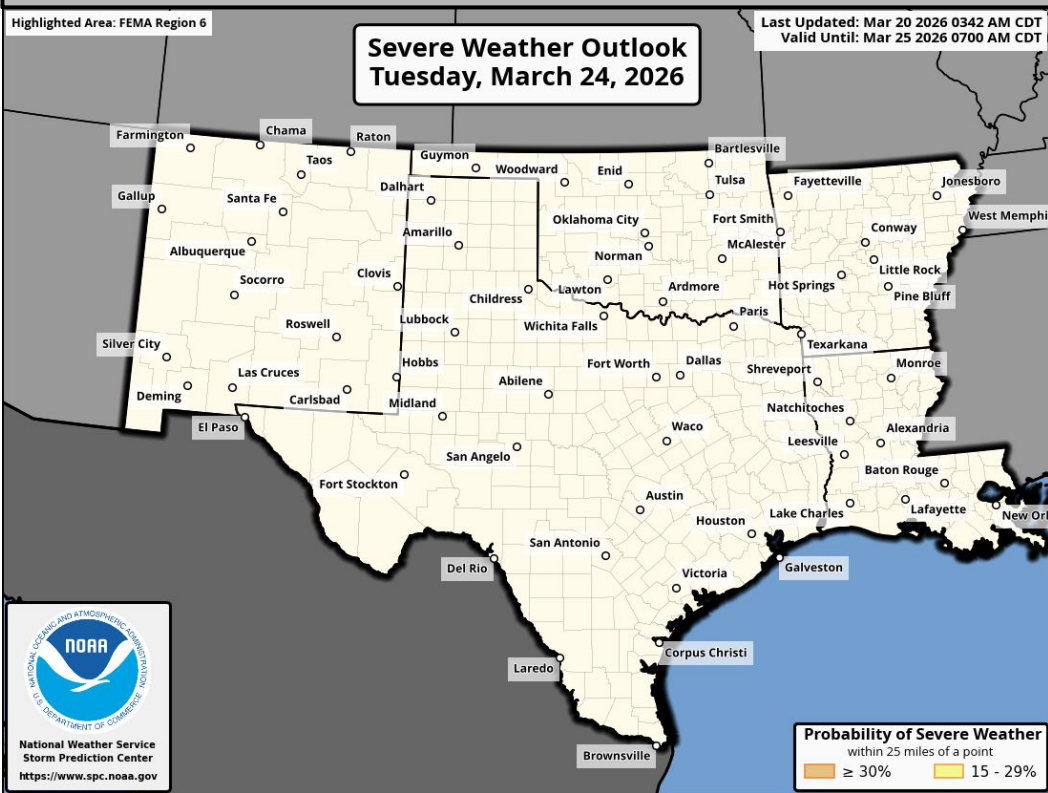
Forecast Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook

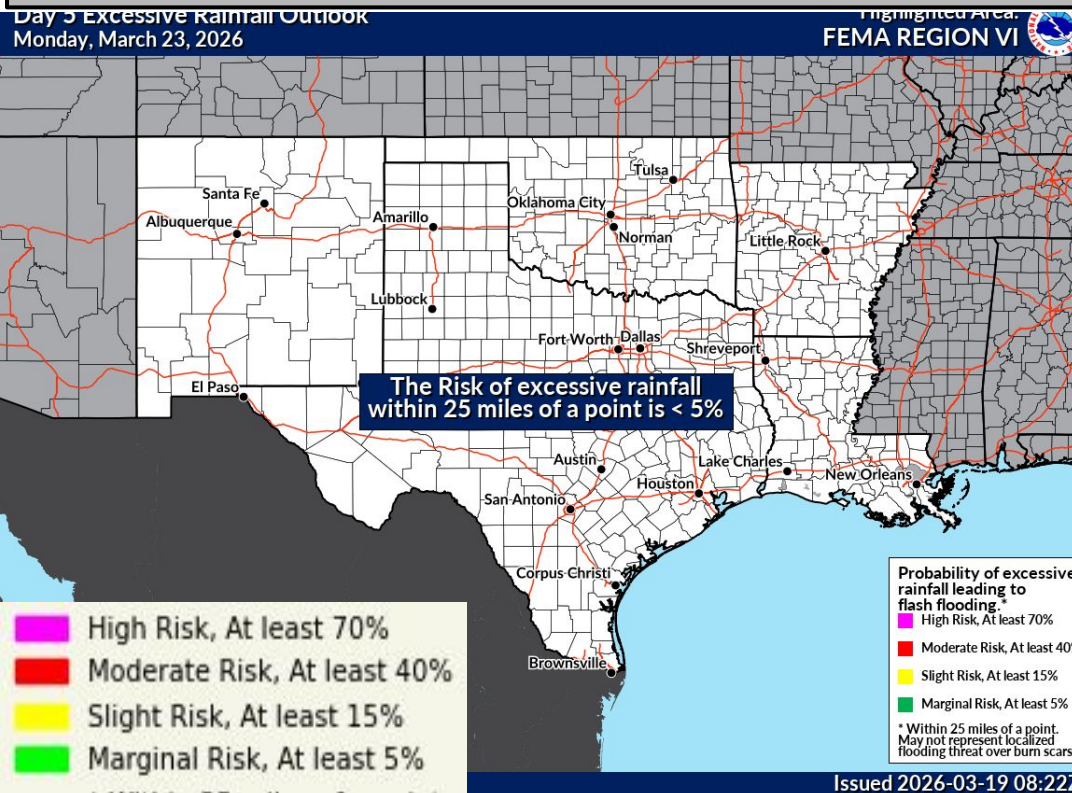


Severe Weather Outlook
Tuesday, March 24, 2026

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Probability of Severe Weather
within 25 miles of a point
≥ 30% 15 - 29%

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Day 5 Excessive Rainfall Outlook
Monday, March 23, 2026

Highlighted Area:
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The Risk of excessive rainfall
within 25 miles of a point is < 5%

High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%

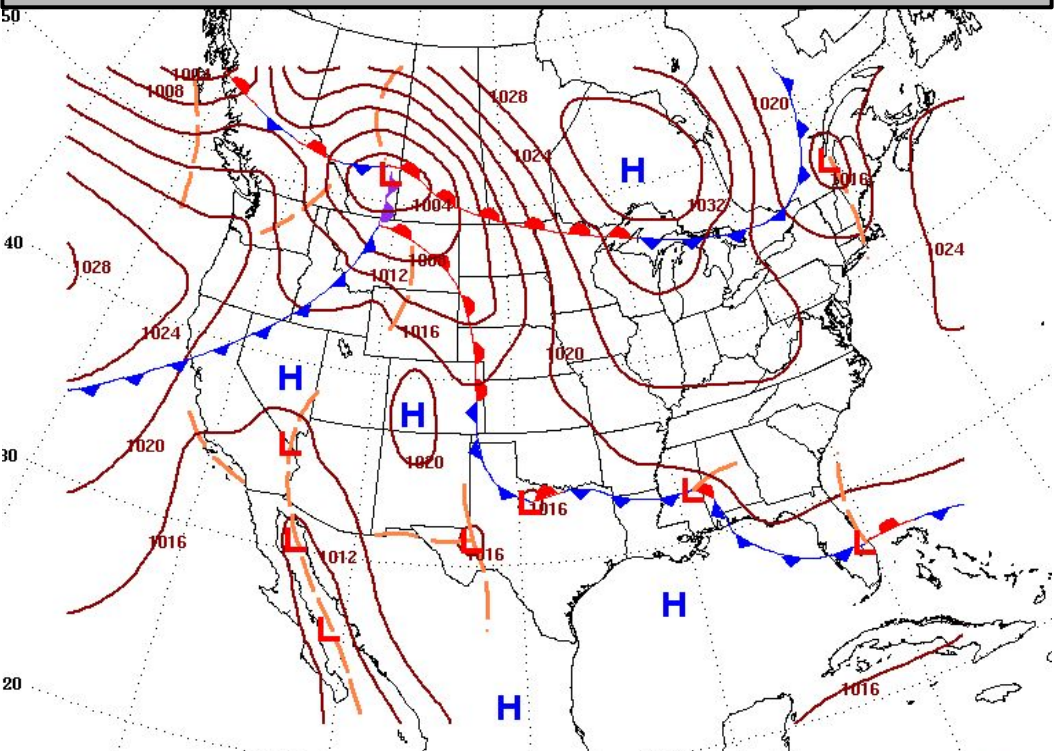
Probability of excessive
rainfall leading to
flash flooding:
High Risk, At least 70%
Moderate Risk, At least 40%
Slight Risk, At least 15%
Marginal Risk, At least 5%
* Within 25 miles of a point.
May not represent localized
flooding threat over burn scars.

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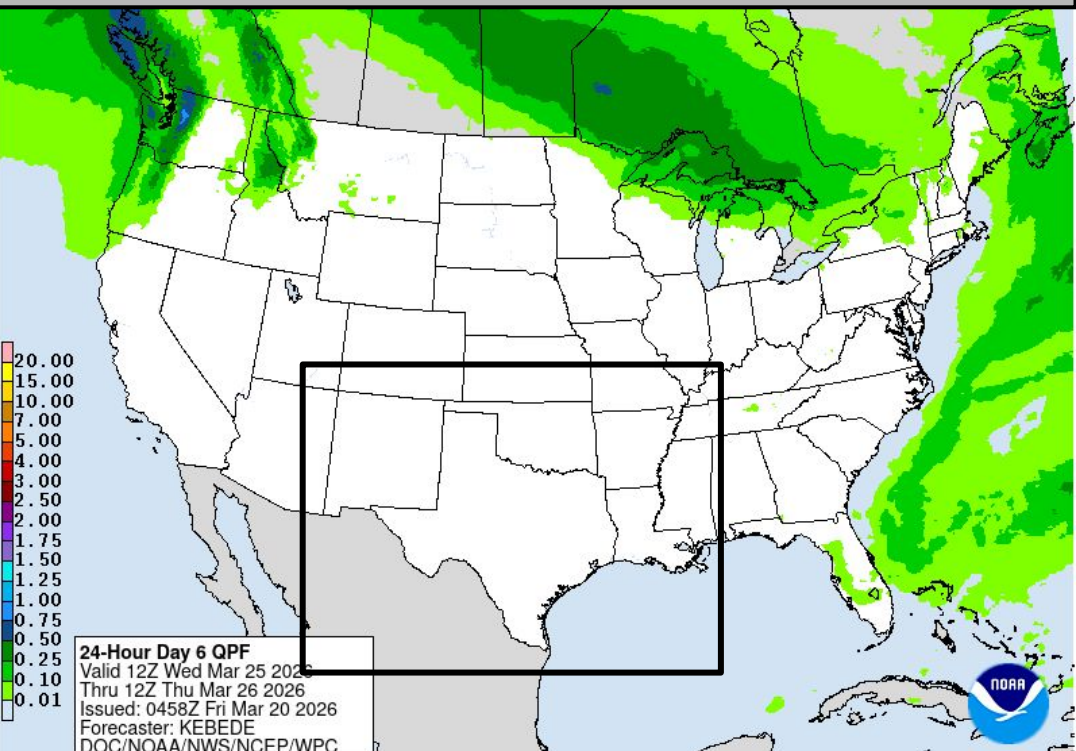


Wednesday's Weather

Forecast Chart

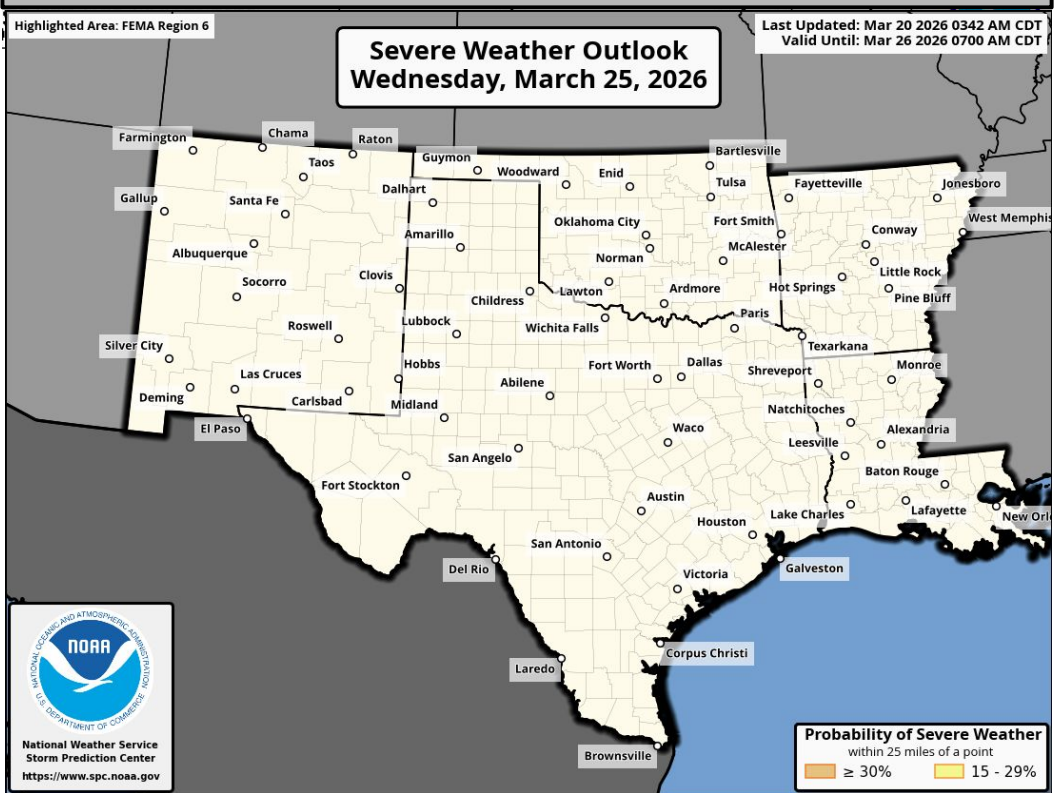


Forecast Rainfall



No significant weather expected.

Severe Weather Outlook

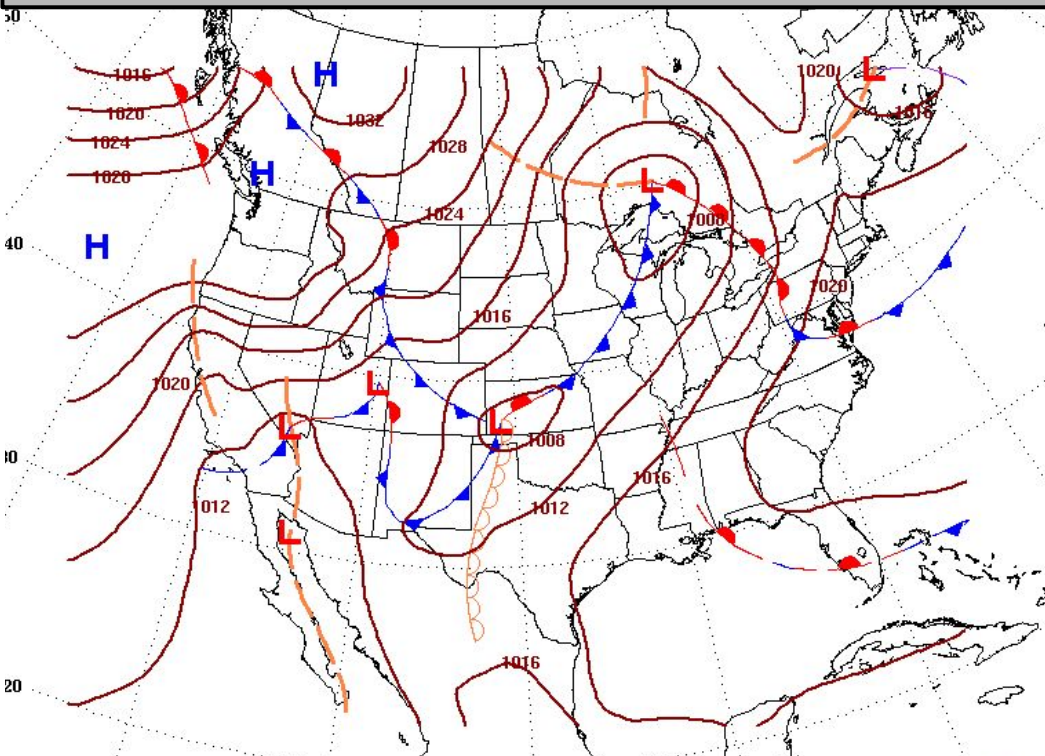


Excessive Rainfall Outlooks not available beyond Day 5

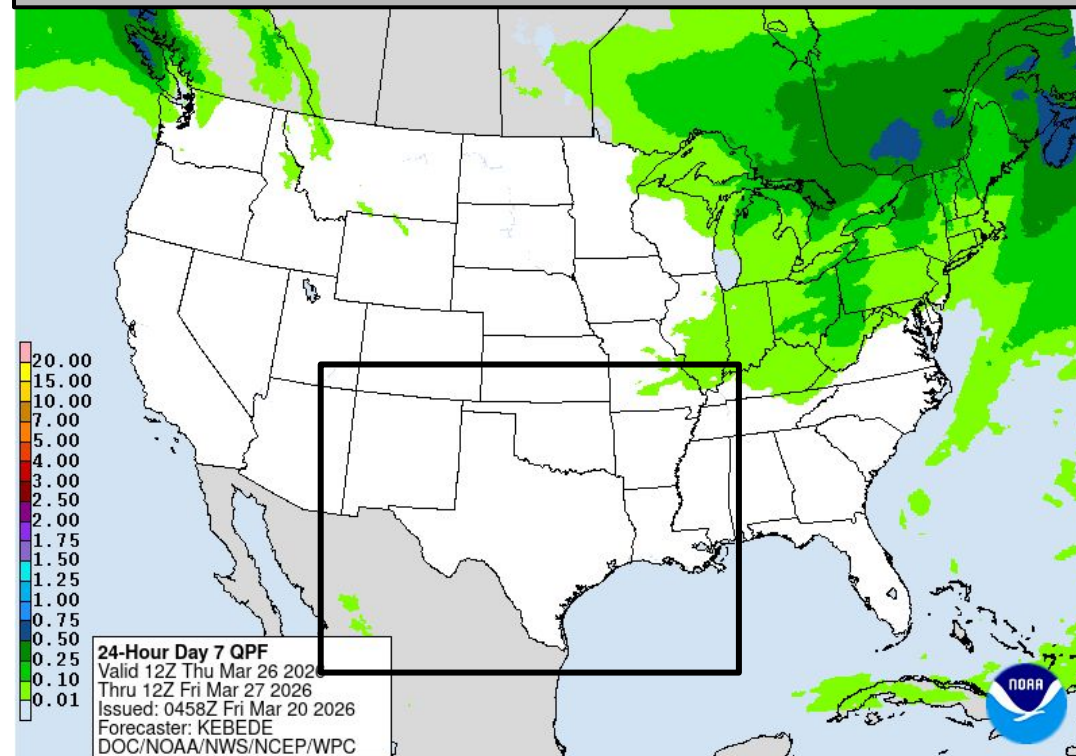


Thursday's Weather

Forecast Chart

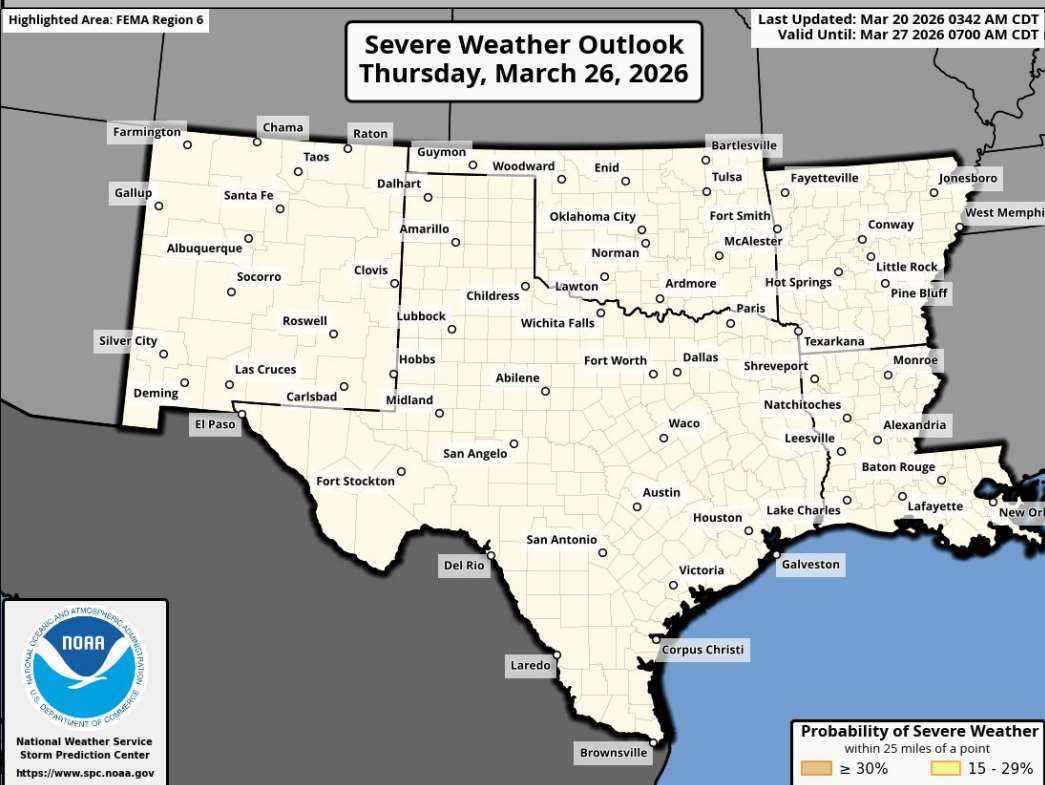


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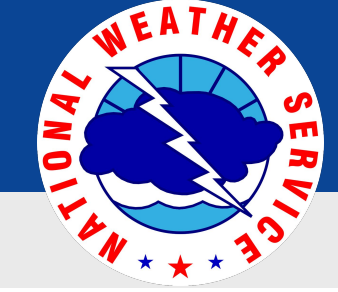
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Severe Weather Outlook

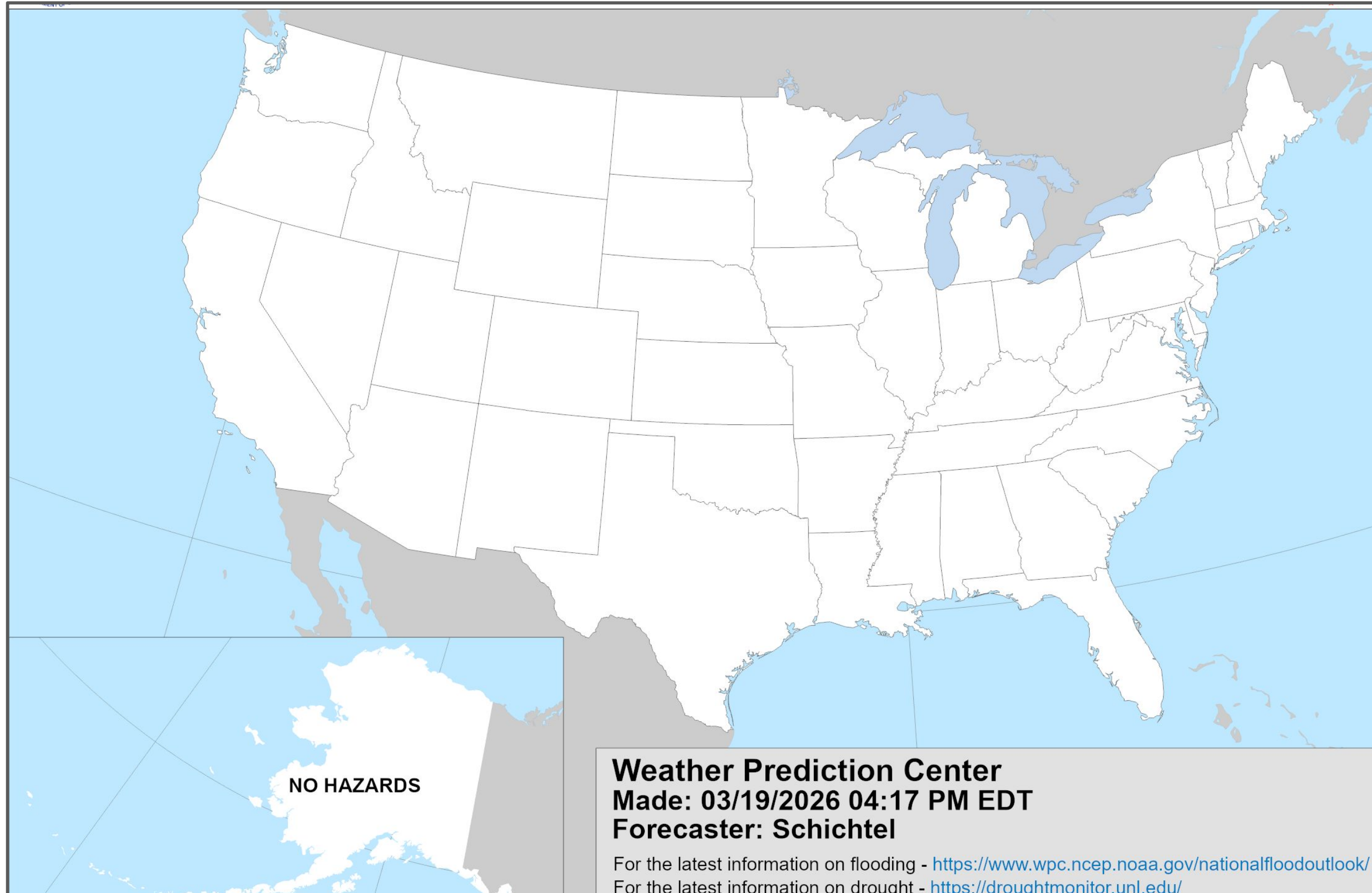


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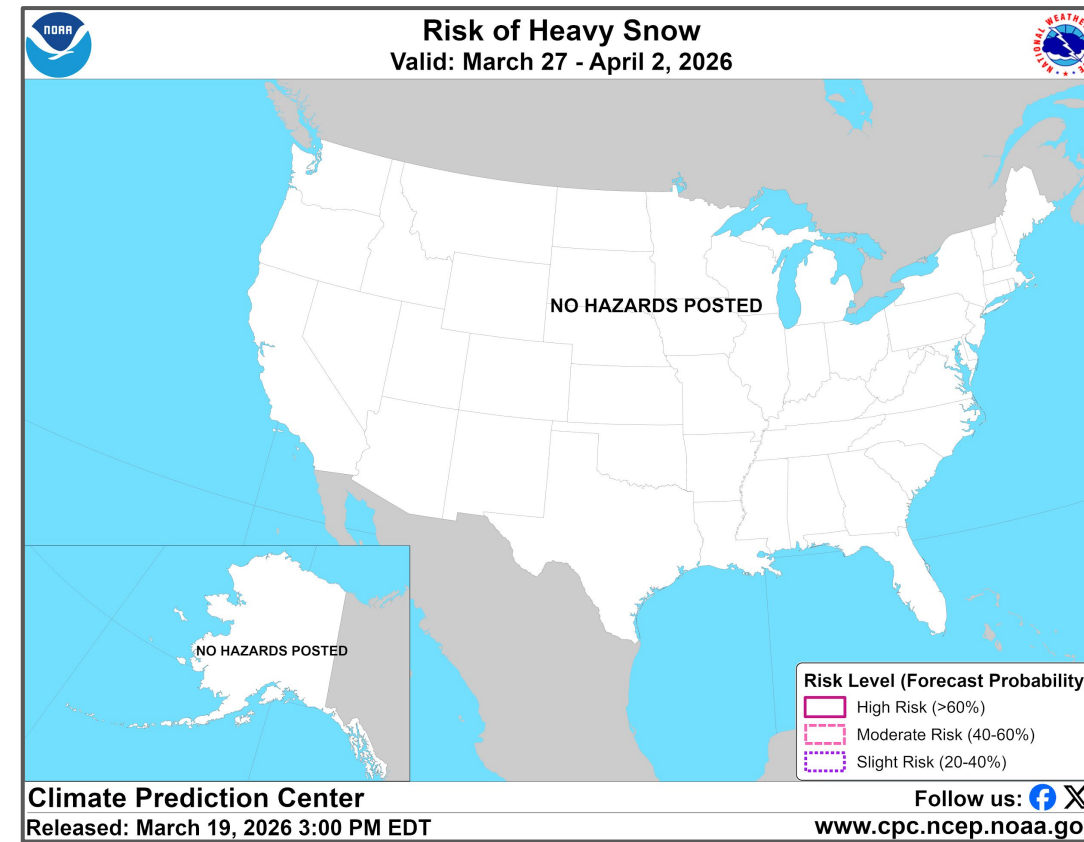
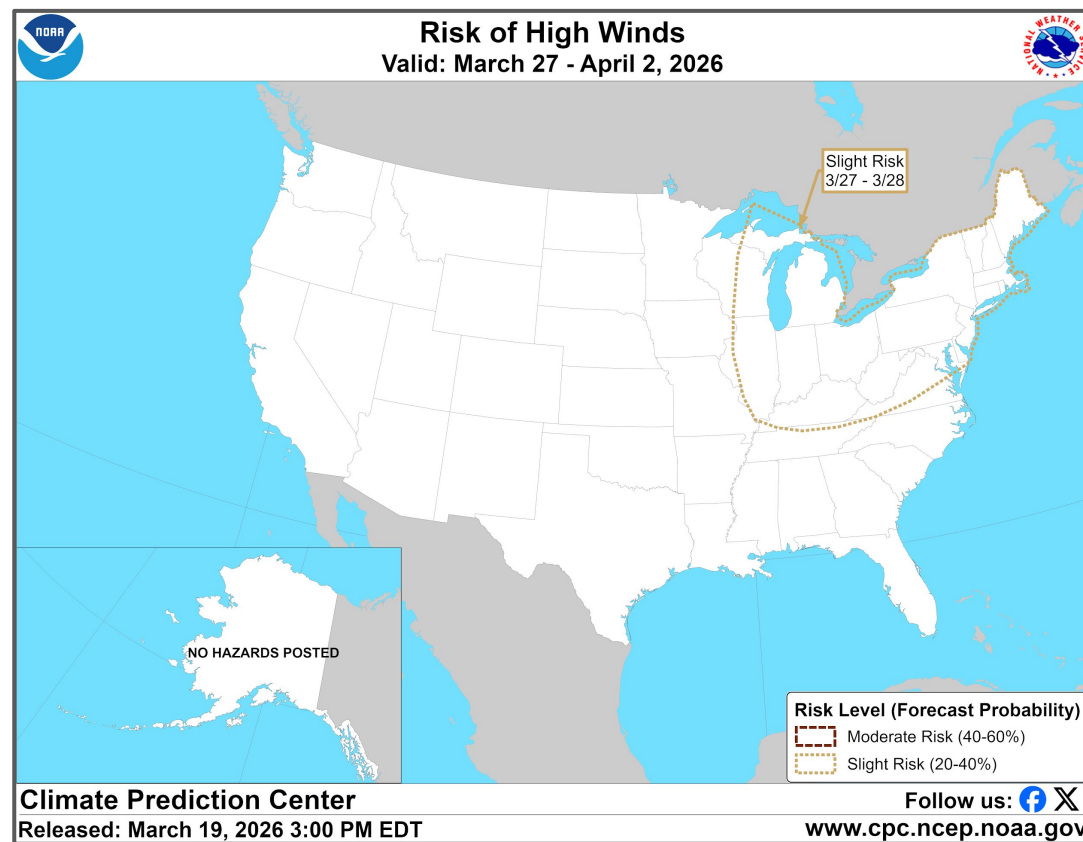
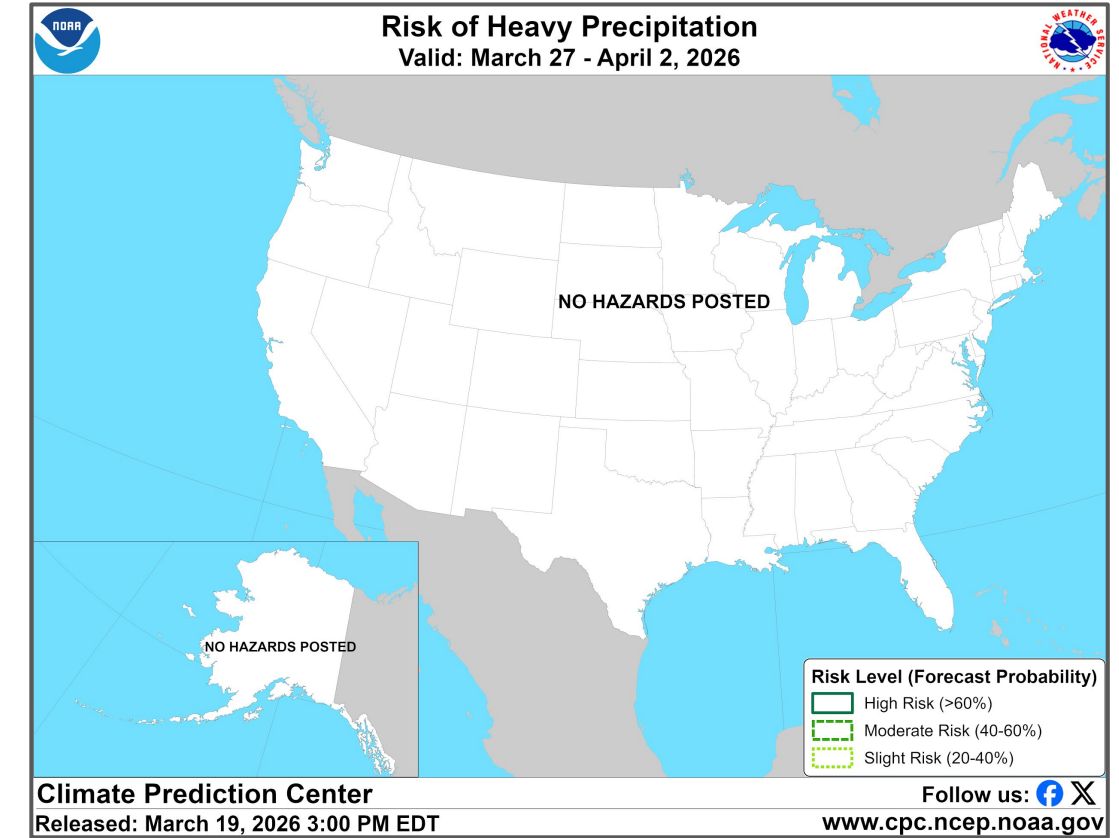
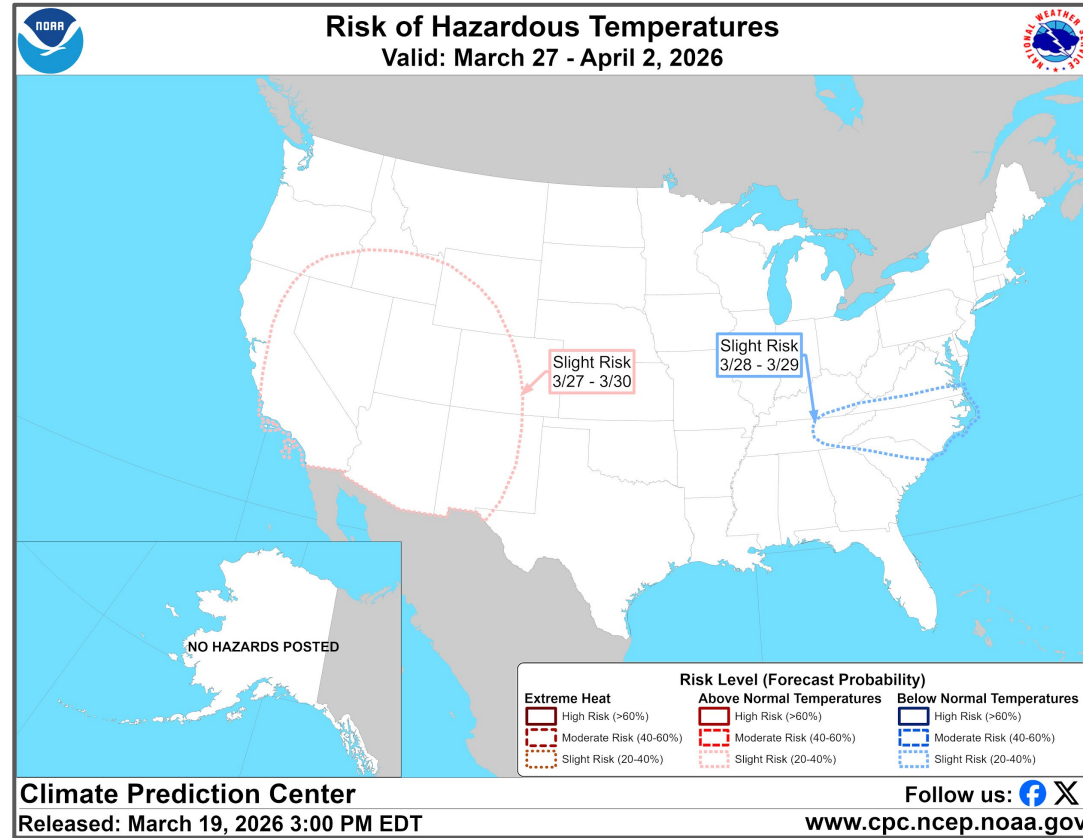
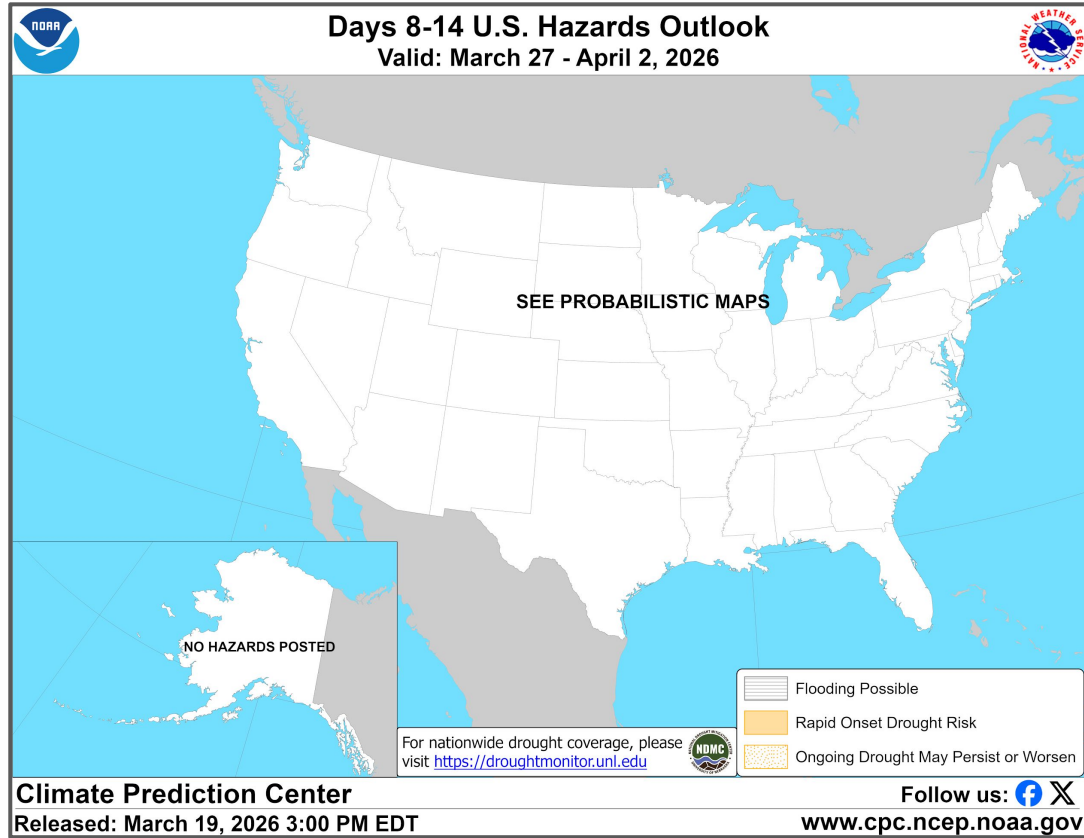


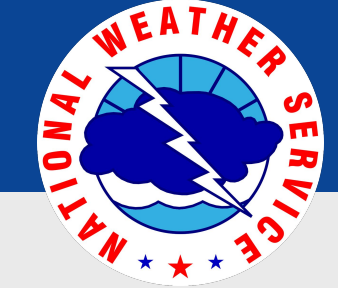
“Day 3-7” Hazards Outlook





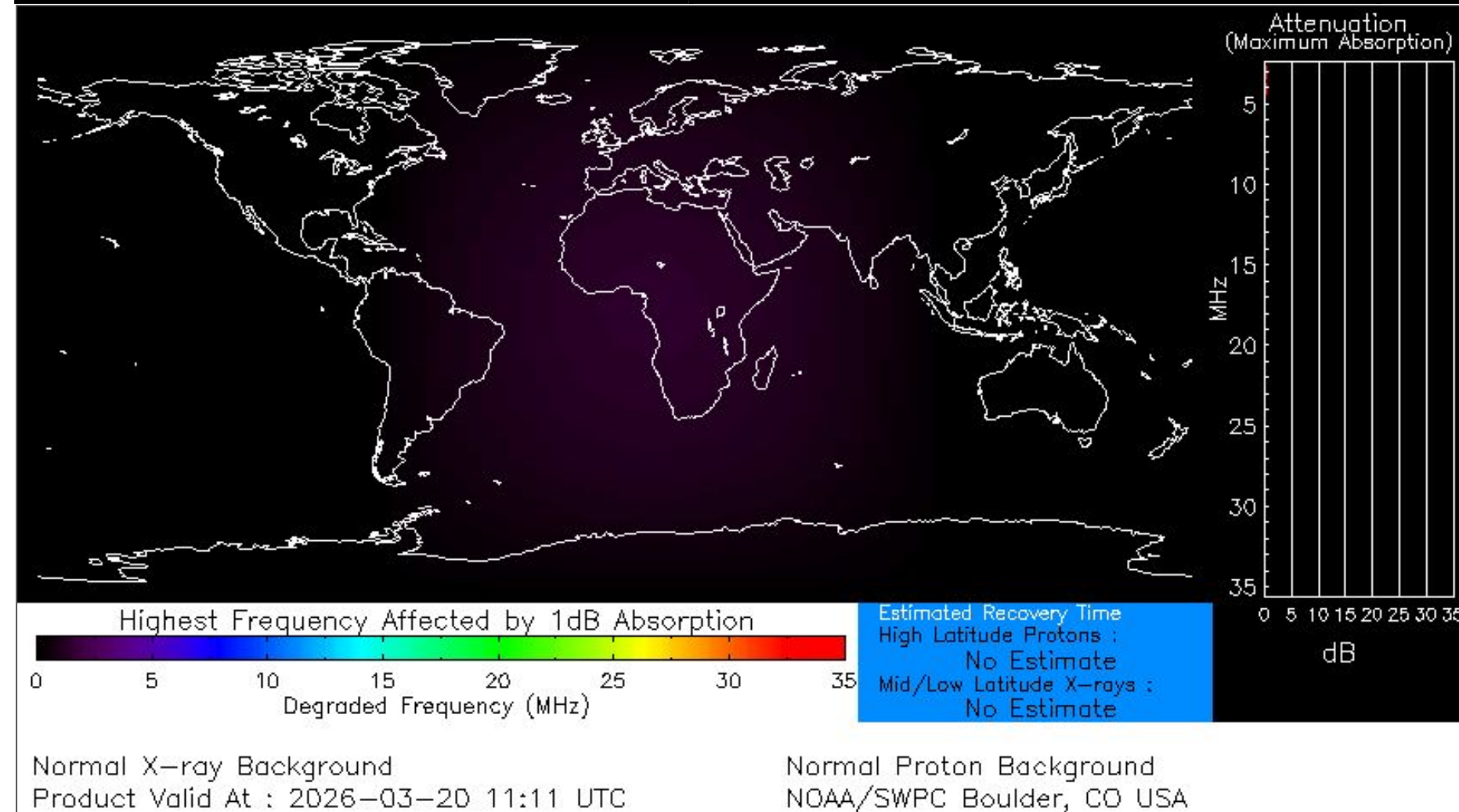
"Day 8-14" Hazards Outlook





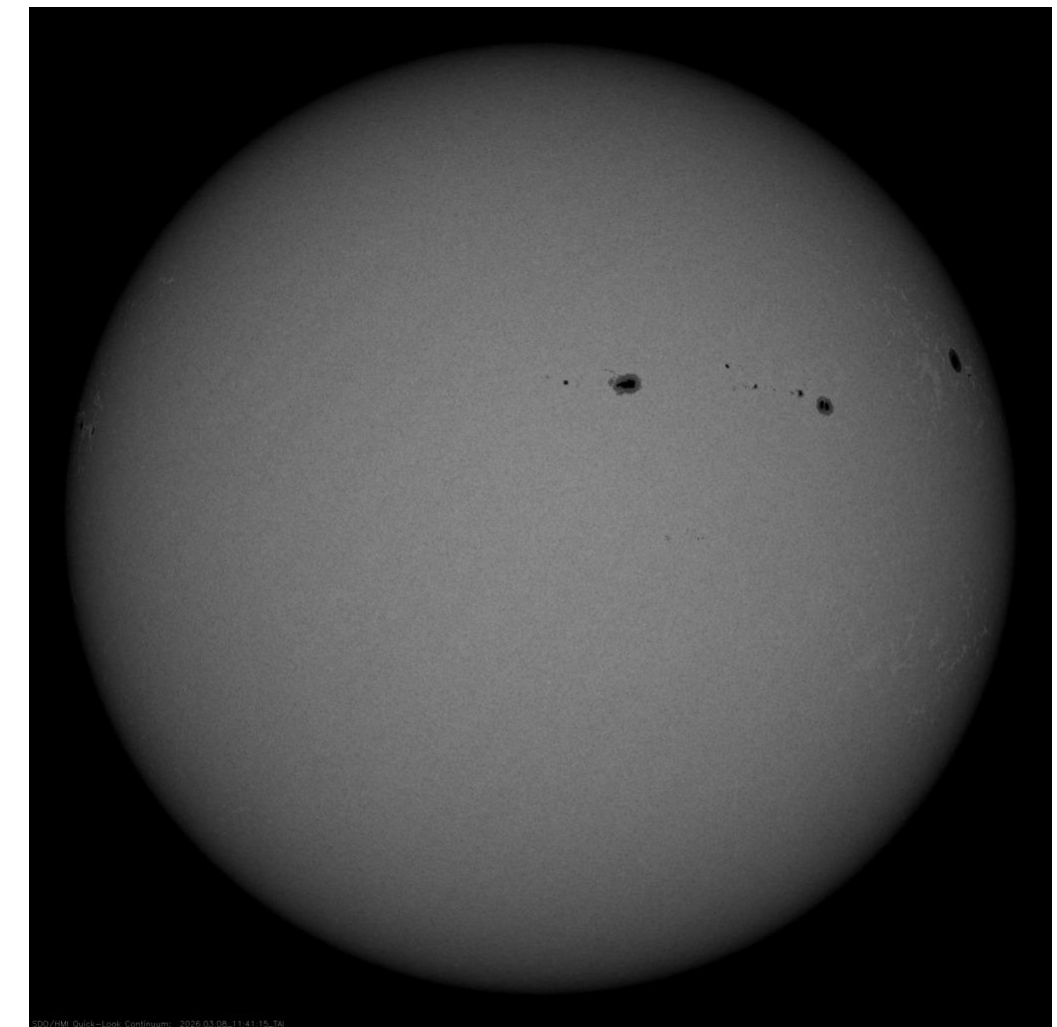
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast

| | Friday, Mar 20 | Saturday, Mar 21 | Sunday, Mar 22 |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Geomagnetic Storms | Moderate Storm (G2) (Max Kp=6) | Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5) | Minor Storm (G1) (Max Kp=5) |
| Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5) | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Radio Blackout (R1-R2) | 15% | 15% | 15% |
| Radio Blackout (R3-R5) | 1% | 1% | 1% |



[Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast](#)



Weather "Threat" Matrix for FEMA Region VI

| Color | Definition | Criteria | Example(s) |
|--------|--|---|--|
| Green | <p style="text-align: center;">Little to None</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines</p> | <p>Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as seabreeze storms in coastal TX |
| Yellow | <p style="text-align: center;">Minor</p> <p>Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life</p> | <p>Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail |
| Orange | <p style="text-align: center;">Moderate</p> <p>Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life</p> | <p>Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected |
| Red | <p style="text-align: center;">Major</p> <p>Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life</p> | <p>Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue |
| Purple | <p style="text-align: center;">Extreme</p> <p>Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life</p> | <p>Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms |

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov



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